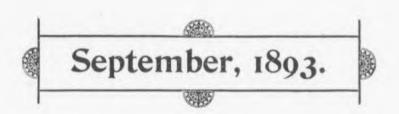
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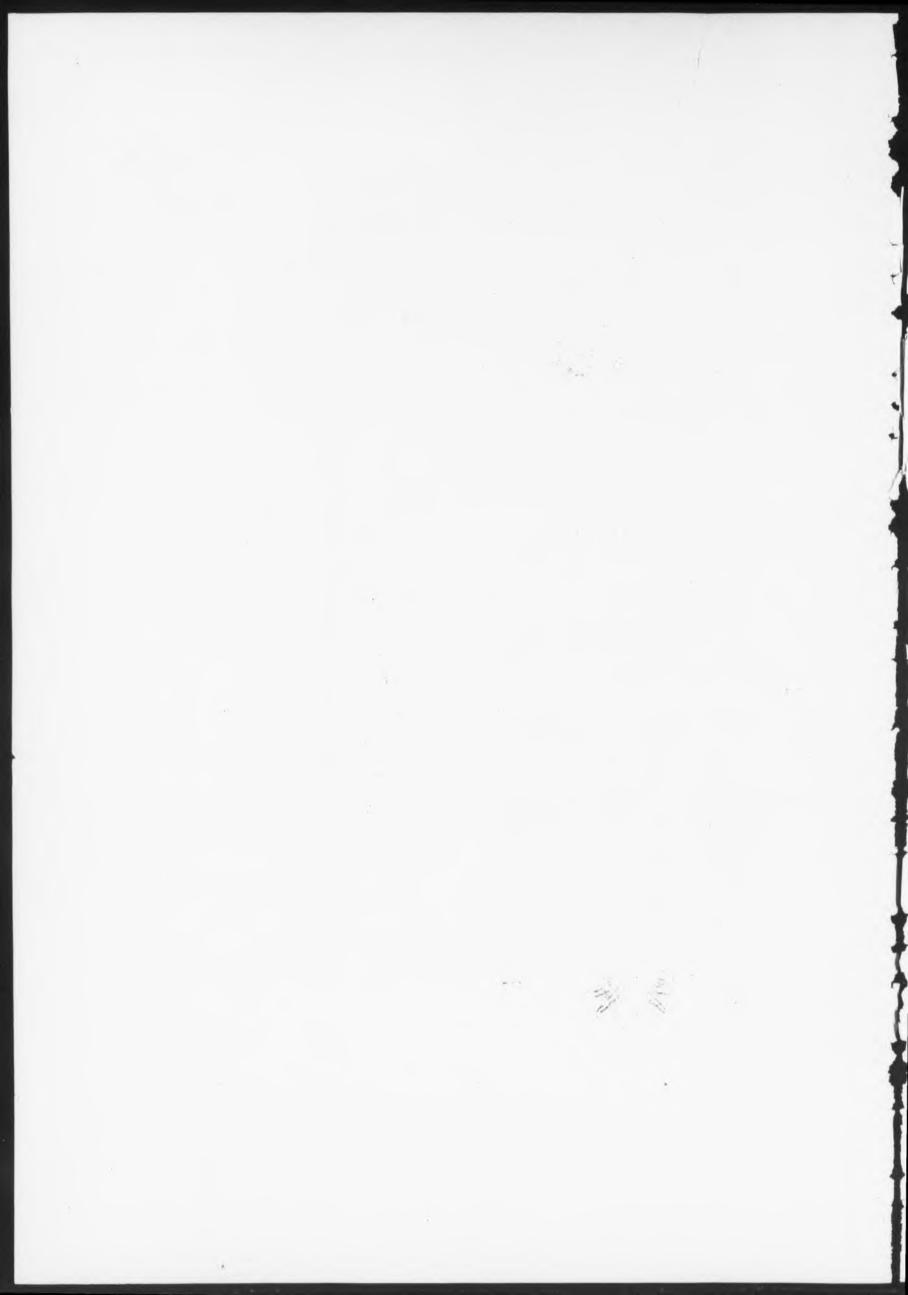
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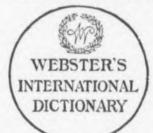
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EDITORIALS.

MGAIN, for the eleventh successive year does the MUHLENBERG appear before the college world and the public. The toga of office having been

discarded by the preceeding staff, we humbly pick up the garment, slowly throw it over shoulders, and only the wearing of it for a time will show whether it is a fit or a misfit.

That we have taken upon us by no means an insignificant work, we are well aware of; yet our humble endeavors will be to aim high, and in every possible manner try to please our patrons.

Since we are novices in the field of journalism, we beseech our kind friends not to be too expectant, for our journal may not yet have attained any high degree of polish. But we do not ask your pity or sympathy, we only pray for leniency, for after a time we may dare to hope that the atmosphere of erudition which hovers about the sanctum, may be, to our yet inexperienced pen, a means of readiness, aptitude and achievement.

ME regular opening exercises of the twenty-seventh scholastic year of Muhlenberg were held in the college chapel at 10 a. m. on Thursday, Sept. 7. The entire seating capacity was occupied by students, alumini, trustees and friends of the college. Notwithstanding the present financial depression, the number of students enrolled at the beginning of the year is greater than ever before in the history of the college.

"The Aims and Ends of College Life" was the subject of the opening address, delivered by Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, of Germantown, Pa., Secretary of the Board of Trustees. The address appears in this issue and is well worth reading. It is brim full of good counsel for the student as to how he can best make use of his college years. May the advice given be put to practice and not passed by with slight notice.

GAIN are the classic, time-honored walls of Muhlenberg echoing and re-echoing the various college and class Again has our Alma Mater cries. stretched forth her fair hand, and with a smiling face, gathered under her protecting wings proteges from the distant hills and dales. They all seem to be healthy chicks and none the worse for their summer's outing. With regained vigor, ready mind and bright eye they have buckled on their armour and are eager for the fray, so that it is but a question of time whether they will vanquish the hobgoblins of the classroom.

HIS year Pedagogy is to have a definite place in our college curriculum. Although an optional study, fourteen of the nineteen Seniors and nineteen of the twenty Juniors have enrolled in the two classes on the history of education. This shows the popularity of the subject and the wisdom of the authorities in providing for regular work on this subject. The course as it is at present designed is to cover two years (Junior and Senior) and to embrace the history of education, educational psychology,

methodology and a study of educational classics. As the history of educational theories is the history of the higher philosophic thought of all times, and as every man in some sense is a teacher and a student of human nature as observed in other men's minds, this subject must of necessity be interesting and beneficial to all who choose to pursue it. The prospects certainly are very fair and we congratulate our fellow-students and the institution that this department begins its work under such excellent auspices.

E are again almost forced a la mode, to resurrect an old subject, and perhaps it is a "sore spot" to many a Muhlenbergensian. What has become of our athletics? Since there is no Oedipus among us to answer this sphinx-like question and since we cannot say whither the wind goeth, we are compelled to pass by on the other side. But perhaps we are a bit too previous, for very likely our athletes are hiding and wish to surprise us, pleasantly?

Now, in rehashing this subject, we do not wish to be misunderstood. an unlooked for occurrence that Muhlenberg should compete for any prizes at any fete, but arrangements could be made in order to have some sport, not at all interferring with duty. Duty is a panacea for all kinds of work agreeable or otherwise, and were each and every student to live up to duty, there would be at least two or three hours to spare for field sports. We are told somewhere, sana mens in copore sano, now it is obvious, that were one to indulge, moderately, in the different health giving exercises, one would not

be the worse for it, all would profit thereby, even the professor would rejoice in the healthy state of the student especially would be pleased to see the student wade into his work with that zest and snap only found in healthy bodies and active minds.

Muhlenberg which one does not find so well developed at sister institutions, we refer to our Literary Societies. They are indespensable institutions and were they not in existence, the void, and the effect of their now existence would greatly deteriorate the intra-social life of the student.

Sophronia's and Euterpia's standards float bravely on the breeze, and to draw the lines of demarcation as to eithers' advantages, would be a task for some Herculean mind.

It is not at all dubious that both are contending for the upper hand and are parrying with each other, each using her utmost deftness in order to attain the greater number of members.

PRESIDENT PATTON, of Princeton College, in a sermon preached to the students at the opening of the institution last year, says: "There is a peculiar sympathy which a young man awakens in us-awakens, I mean, especially in men. We understand him. much of our life he is repeating? in all he does he seems to be plagiarizing from the book of our own memory? His hopes, his ambitions, his dreams, his enthusiasms, sometimes his magnified estimate of himself and his disregard of the wisdom of his elders-have we not experienced it all? His follies, too, and his blunders, his non-malicious

wrong doing-did we not go before him?"

Here then is the point of view from which to judge many of the peculiar "works" of college students, including the one before us ("The Ciarla"), which we have been asked to notice in full: To the strict, dry, cold reason, an abounding fund of college nonsense appears to be here clad in expensive and shining garments, and sent forth to be for admiration in circles in which the youths have been known and loved and fondled: If perchance some copy strays out into the wide world and falls into hands not predisposed to take it up tenderly, but intending to apply to it the letter of the law, and to judge it by the everyday standards of life, the verdict will surely be, "That is chaff, with a sprinkling of wild oats."

But we must never forget that college life is a world of its own. In this world sentiment has an exceedingly large and a proper place. And its nonsense is sometimes less criminal than the cold world's sense. In it things are not what they seem. It is both impossible and undesirable to altogether suppress the extraordinary mental ebullition and primordial psychic ferment which occasionally lifts, or even throws off, the lid of the college boiling pot. American college must take American young men as it finds them-unless it wishes to be without them. The old and the staid are chained down by the conventional. It is the conventional that they respect sometimes even more than the moral. The young cannot abide the conventional. They see no sense in much of what the world calls respecta-They exult in rebellion against

the dignified and the conventional. And within limits that are laid down and fixed by an earnest religious sense, they are right in feeling as they feel. The difference between college students and sober and sere humanity in general, frequently amounts to this, that the former make fools of themselves, and know it; while the latter does the same thing, and *does not* know it. The sentimental, the jovial and the comic are not out of place in college life.

There is, however, a side of college life, which is sad and reprehensible. It should not be permitted to appear on such page. Fun that derives its piquancy from the bacchanalian tendencies in human nature, and allusions that appear to voice vulgarity are not only degrading, but are joyless and tragic to the Christian mind.

The plan and the appearance, both artistic and mechanical, of this book, are of a high order of excellence. It is really one of the most handsome publications that has ever come from our educational institutions. It reflects unusual credit, both for originality, energy and business management upon the editors, David A. Miller, Henry C. Kline, Frank C. Longaker, Wm. H. S. Miller, George S. Opp, Wm. U. Kistler, Allen V. Heyl, J. Wm. H. Heintz, Martin L. Trexler and Malcolm W. Gross.

The photo-engraving and lithotype work is of a high order, and includes a very good faculty-group. We understand that one of the members of the class was himself the artist, who deserves the credit for the various cuts.

Lutheran.

OLLA PODRIDA.

An able man shows his spirit by gentle words and resolute actions. He is neither hot nor timid.—*Chesterfield*.

O HAPPINESS, our being's end and aim! Good pleasure, ease, content! whate'er thy name;

That something still which prompts th' eternal sigh,

For which we bear to live or dare to die.

—Pope.

STEAL a chicken, and you are a thief; steal \$1,000 from your employer, and you are an embezzler; steal \$5,000 from the Government, and you are a defaulter; rob your competitor on the Stock Exchange of \$10,000, and you are a financier; rob him of \$100,000 to \$500,000, and you are a wizard or a

Napoleon of finance; wreck a railroad and gather it in, and you are a "magnate;" wreck a great railroad system, and you are a "railroad king;" conduct a "negotiation" by which a strong nation plunders a weak nation of thousands upon thousands of square miles of territory and makes the weak nation pay millions of money indemnity for the wrong it has suffered, and you are a diplomat. Truly, "the times are out of joint."—Religious Herald.

CAPITAL punishment in Russia, England, Scotland, Ireland and the United States, except New York, is by hanging; in France, by the guillotine; in Spain, garrote; in Germany and most other European countries, by beheading.

EGYPT.

BY G. B.

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Mystic realm of magic story,
Never changing, clime and stream.
Shadowy fatherland of science,
Home of fable and of dream.

II.

From thy temples marched the ages
Of our earth's unwritten prime;
Thy majestic Nubian portals
Are the monldering gates of Time.

III.

Buried dark beneath the ruins
Of dead empires thou hast lain;
Wait! thy day of honor dawneth,
Thou shalt rise to youth again.

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What can I give you? Gold and gems
And worldly wares and diadems
Are not the treasures that are mine,
Nor can I bring them to your shrine,
What can I give you? This alone,
A heart that reaches for your own,
And this assurance, free confessed,
I love you, first and last and best.
SUSIE M. BEST.

LOOKING GLASSES IN COFFINS.—One of the ancient customs connected with Swedish funerals was to place a small looking glass in the coffin of an unmarried female, so that when the last trump sounds she might be able to arrange her tresses. It was the practice for Scandinavian maidens to wear their hair flowing loosely, while the matrons wore it bound about the head and generally covered with some form of cap. Hence the unmarried woman was imagined as awakening at the judgment day with more untidy locks than her wedded sisters and more in need of a glass.—Westminster Review.

HAPPY the schoolboy! Did he prize his bliss,

'Twas ill exchanged for all the dazzling gems

That gayly sparkle in ambition's eye;
His are the joys of Nature, his the smile,
The cherub smile, of innocence and
health;

Sorrow unknown, or, if a tear be shed, He wipes it soon, for, hark! the cheerful voice

Of comrades calls him to the top or ball; Away he hies, and clamors as he goes, With glee, which causes him to tread on air.

—Knox.



OPENING ADDRESS.

COLLEGE LIFE, ITS AIMS AND ITS ENDS.

BY THE REV. S. A. ZIEGENFUSS, '70.

Mr. President, Professors, Students and Friends:-I congratulate you upon the auspicious opening of the twentyseventh year of Muhlenberg College. Onward and upward has been the march of my Alma Mater since the dawn of her existence. She deserves, in an eminent degree, the prosperity and patronage that greet her at this hour. She has earned all her laurels. By dint of perseverance, with a firm faith in her ascended Lord, she has, up to this time, broken down every barrier, surmounted all difficulties, conquered numerous oppositions, defeated the severest financial stringencies, and planted herself firmly on the basis of a solid, substantial and liberal education.

Twenty-six years ago I entered Muhlenberg College. Having spent my Freshman year in Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, I determined with a number of others, to try the new institution just established at Allentown. When it became known that a number of the students of Eastern Pennsylvania would leave the college at Gettysburg, we were severely criticised by some for undertaking such a bad move. However, our mind was fixed upon our purpose—and to Muhlenberg we came. By this means Muhlenberg College was enabled to begin her first year with the four classes. Twenty-three years ago I had the honor of graduating from this institution, and in all these years I have yet to feel the first appearance of regret at the change I then made.

Though it was said by some that we were making a fatal mistake in leaving an old established college for a newlyorganized one, having neither history, rank, nor reputation; I now declare to you, my young friends, without any fear of contradiction, that if I had to do the whole thing over again, I should most certainly pursue the very same course. I would to-day give to Muhlenberg College the preference of any institution of the kind in our country. Her curriculum, her faculty of tried, honest, able, intelligent, devoted and godly men-the peer of any faculty in the land-her advantages, her moral and religious standing, her surroundings-each and all eminently commend her to the favorable consideration of every worthy young man. Your aim, young men, in selecting Muhlenberg College as the institution where you are to obtain your collegiate training has been a wise, proper and correct one and I heartily congratulate you upon reaching the end of that aim, by having entered your names as students of our college.

With such a good aim and end reached at the very beginning of your college life, it is but natural that we should urge you to continue your efforts by setting before your minds the highest and noblest aims in securing the very best ends of your college education.

It must, therefore, be your aim, not to select from, but to take in all the

various branches that make up her curriculum. If possible, avoid the mistaken aim of being a special student. Remember that the course of study has been prepared by wiser heads and maturer minds than your own. Each and every branch of study named is not only intended for the class as a whole. It employs the powers and aptitudes of the mind, but it does not overtax them. It affords to the young mind the proper sphere of developing thought, memory, comparison, association, assimilation, in short everything that tends to bring out, develop and strengthen the faculties of the mind. It prepares and trains the mind to seize, grasp and master successfully the higher problems of the social, political, moral and religious life.

Remember then that your life at college is to be a time for earnest, persevering, diligent study. The wise man gives this counsel: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy wisdom get understanding." Aim at a thorough preparation of all your lessons. Cultivate and practice the habit of getting out your lessons at the very earliest opportunities. Delaying is dangerous. Procastination is the thief of time. Devote, therefore, ample time to all your preparations. Business before pleasure is the rule of the successful business man. Study before pleasure must be the rule of the successful student. Make your books the cherished companions of your college life. Never enter the class-room without having your lesson well prepared. Convince your professors by your recitations that you are a student.

As the crowning point in all your studies, let me add the injunction, do not fail devoutly to observe and practice the motto of Martin Luther, Bene orasse, est bene studuisse. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given Let Christ be uppermost in all vour studies. Remember in Him "are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Thus your studies will not lead you away from Christ, but lead you more and more to Him as the source of all true wisdom and knowledge.

Be Thou my Pattern; Thou my Guide, O'er every thought and step preside.

Another aim in your college life must be that it is absolutely necessary for you to take the full college course. Four years often appear to the student at the beginning of his college life, as he looks ahead, a long and an unnecessary time. Life is short and he is anxious to enter the arena of life as soon as possible. There was a time when the student, if he could create a plausible reason, would leave college at the end of Sophomore year, and enter upon the studies consequent upon his admission into the profession he had in view. I am not yet convinced that this time has altogether passed away. I must confess that this was my aim when I entered college, but before I had completed half of my Sophomore year, I was more convinced than ever, that I did not know anything, and, therefore, could not afford to omit the Junior and Senior years. Young men, "life is real, life is earnest," and you cannot be too thoroughly prepared for its mission and its responsibilities.

is not important that you enter life early, but that you enter it well qualified and fully equipped. Do not cripple your life and pester a world by taking a partial course. Let it be your aim and end to lay your foundation deep and broad. While you have the time and opportunity, determine to gather and acquire everything that is offered by the full college course. not fritter away your time. Employ it wisely and conscientiously. Whenever possible and practicable, supplement your studies by reading. Select the best authors, and read carefully and intelligently.

A sound mind, however, also requires a sound body. You will, therefore, pay proper attention to the cultivation and preservation of bodily health. Open air exercise judiciously and regularly taken will aid you very materially in maintaining good health. Good habits and regular hours are essential to health, while temperance in eating and drinking prevent many aches of body and keep the mind clear. Use, but do not abuse, the art of physical development. Remember that the aim of a good and sound college education is not to furnish the world with athletes, but with men of intelligence and culture, men of character, men of moral and religious force, men who are a blessing to society, shining lights of the age in which they live, a credit to their country and an honor to their Young men, Muhlenberg College places before you the proper means for obtaining a liberal and thorough education. Will you embrace the golden opportunity and prove yourselves equal to the task?

With such aims to inspire you in the prosecution of your studies let me beseech you finally. Do not forget your duty to your God. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Have God before your eyes in all your undertakings. Never be ashamed of Dare to do right. Prove that you are a child of God in all your ways. Never use any profane language. Be pure and chaste in your thoughts and deeds. Never give place to wrath. Let it be your delight to begin each day's work with the service and worship in the chapel. This worship of the Lord in spirit and in truth, refreshes the soul, and invigorates the mind. All true greatness emanates from the Lord. It is a growth in grace. It restores the image of God in us. It makes us men after the similitude of God, a power for good. builds us up in Christ. "Add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity."

A little island once formed in the bed of a great river, tends continually to increase. Everything adds to its bulk. The floods of winter deposit soil on it. The sun of summer covers it with herbage and consolidates its surface. Such is wisdom from above once settled in a soul. It makes all things work together for good to its possessor.

The crying want of the hour is men. Men are needed in every avocation of life. Men of sterling character; men of moral worth; men of religious integrity; men, who fear God and love righteousness; men of faith; men full of the Holy Ghost and of fire; devout, honest, upright men; men who live in the Spirit and walk in the Spirit. Young men, strive to be men of such character, and ye shall not live in vain, ye shall "have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

OUR ALUMNI.

'69. While on our World's Fair jaunt to Chicago we had the pleasure of calling on Dr. Revere F. Weidner at the New Lutheran Theological Seminary, Lake View, Chicago. He had just returned from a trip to Europe and was found in his "workshop" surrounded by books. We learned from good authority that Dr. Weidner declines a \$6,000 call to the University of Chicago. This is one more instance of a loyal Lutheran declining a tempting offer from beyond his own church work.

'70. We understand that Rev. Wm. K. Frick, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is to have a professorship in the Lutheran Seminary of Chicago.

'71. Dr. Richard H. Beck, Hecktown, Pa., and Rev. H. B. Stodach, Brooklyn, N. Y., renewed their allegiance to Muhlenberg by bringing their sons as students.

'71. Rev. J. F. Ohl, of Quakertown, has decided to accept the call he has lately received to become rector of the Hospital and Deaconess Institution of the Lutheran Church, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A professorship in the Theological Seminary at Chicago will also occupy part of his

He handed in his formal resignation to the church council at a special meeting Thursday evening, to take effect October 16. Mr. Ohl has sold his residence on Green street, Quakertown, to Francis Blee, of Philadelphia, for \$2,500. Mr. Ohl is 43 years of age and graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1871. In June, 1874, he was ordained into the Lutheran ministry and since then has served the three Lutheran congregations in and near Quakertown. His wife is a daughter of the late Rev. Christian R. Kessler, founder of the Allentown Seminary, now Muhlenberg College. He is a recognized authority on church music and is the author of several musical publications of merit. Last June Muhlenberg College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Music, an honor worthly bestowed.

'71. Rev. Hiram Peters, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Norristown, has tendered his resignation. He graduated from Muhlenberg College with third honor in 1871, and from the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, in 1874, being ordained the same year by the Pittsburg Synod. Mr. Peters was pastor at Circleville, Ohio, six years, Sægertown, Pa., four years, at Rochester, N. Y., four years, and since 1888 at Norristown. He is an occasional contributor to the various periodicals of the church. He is prominent in the Lutheran ministry, being a director of the Mount Airy Seminary, President of the Board of Publication of the General Council and a member of the Board of Home Missions

of the General Council. His ministry at Norristown was highly successful. His resignation is to take effect June 1, 1894.

'72. The beautiful new chapel of the Lutheran congregation at Macungie, Pa., Rev. M. O. Rath, pastor, was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies.

'75. From the Allentown Chronicle and News we clip the following: Prothonotary Stine vesterday celebrated the thirty-ninth anniversary of his natal day. He is not only a handsome man, but one of the most popular officials in the Court House. His conduct of his office is marked by courtesy and an accommodating spirit which other officials might emulate with profit. Mr. Stine draws no distinctions, and Republicans and Republican papers are treated with the same consideration as men and papers who are in political accord with the powers that be in Lehigh, and we have reason to believe that under his successor the office will be administered on the same broad ground.

76 From the same daily comes the following: Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, of Selinsgrove, Pa., was a guest at the American Hotel last night. Mr. Ochsenford graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1876 and from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1879. The same year witnessed his ordination into the ministry and since September, 1879, he has been pastor at Selinsgrove. For the last four years he has been a trustee of Muhlenberg College. He has a wide reputation as an author and is a frequent contributor to church publica-

tions. His most ambitious work is "Muhlenberg College, a Quarter-Centennial Memorial Volumn," a book of nearly 600 pages, giving the history of the college and a record of its men.

'80. We extend our sympathy to Rev. S. B. Stupp, Berwick, Pa., in the sad loss which he has sustained in the death of his wife.

'81. Rev. Oscar D. Miller, Harrisburg, Pa., has received a call from the Blue Church, the former charge of Rev. E. A. Yehl.

'82. Prof. Schmucker, son of the late Rev. Dr. Beale M. Schmucker, has been elected Professor of Chemistry of the Colorado State College, at a salary of \$3,000. The institution is located near Denver, and is one of the finest of the Western State colleges. Prof. Schmucker has been located lately at the Indiana State Normal School. He is a grand-son of the late Christian Pretz, and son-in-law of Mr. Henry S. Weaver, of this city.

'83. While in Chicago this summer, the writer had the pleasure of listening to Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph. D., at Englewood, and of spending a day with him in viewing the very commodious quarters of the Lutheran Seminary at Lake View and visiting Lake Forest University at Evanston, and the new buildings of the Chicago University. Dr. Sadtler is one of the four Muhlenberg Alumni in the faculty of the Lutheran Seminary.

'84. Rev. C. Ernest Wagner has entered upon his duties as Professor of Belles Lettres and English Literature in Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.

'85. From the *Boyertown Democrat* we learn that Rev. C. C. Boyer has resigned as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church and has accepted a call to the chair of Pedagogy and Psychology in the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa.

'86. Between 7 and 8 o'clock last evening, at St. John's English Reformed parsonage, Rev. Dr. S. G. Wagner performed the marriage ceremony between Miss Sallie Spangler, of this city, and Elmer O. Rever, Esq., of Easton, in the presence of a few of the immediate relatives of the bride's family. The wedding had been quietly and unostentatiously arranged and the culmination of the happy event was equally so. Miss Spangler is the daughter of the late William and Susan Spangler and is held in high esteem by her friends throughout the city. She is an accomplished young lady, who made hosts of friends wherever she went. The groom was graduated from Muhlenberg College, being second honor man in the class of '86. After leaving college he entered upon the study of the law with Judge Meyers, of Easton, and upon his admission to the bar, of which he is one of the rising young members, he opened an office in the same apartments occupied by his preceptor. The young couple have our best wishes in their life venture. Mr. and Mrs. Reyer left last evening at 9 o'clock on their wedding tour, intending to take in the World's Fair as part of the trip and returning in about three weeks by way of Washington, D. C.

86. The address of Rev. A. Grant Loder is corner of South Fifth and I streets, Tacoma, Washington.

87. The Philadelphia *Inquirer* prints a good picture of Rev. Tilghman F. German, a son of the late Henry German, of this city, who preached his first sermon as pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, yesterday. Rev. Mr. German, who graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1887, is one of the rising young clergymen in the Lutheran Ministerium.

'88. We were glad to see Rev. E. F. Ritter, Unionville, Ontario, among the many familiar faces at the opening of college.

'89. Rev. Frank C. Oberly, who for a year has been an assistant and instructor in language in the prepatory department of Muhlenberg College, has accepted a call from a Lutheran congregation at Luray, Va., which includes also a Professorship of Latin and German in a Ladies' Seminary at Luray. Mr. Oberly is a young man of marked ability and is destined to attain high rank in the ministry and scholarship of the Lutheran Church.—Chronicle and News.

for Democratic nomination in Lehigh county was Dr. Alfred J. Yost, who will be the next Coroner of Lehigh.

'90. Evan B. Lewis, Esq., wishes to secure the following numbers of the MUHLENBERG: Dec. 1890, Oct. 1888, Sept. 1887. Any Alumnus having the above numbers, and desiring to dispose of them will please forward them to the MUHLENBERG.

'91. Joseph P. Shimer succeeds his father as the head of the old carpet firm of Shimer & Laub, Allentown, Pa.

EXCHANGES.

- The newly elected staff have equipped themselves in readiness to assume the ardent responsibilities of editing the MUHLENBERG. The exchange editor feels strange at his post, for he is not fully able to condemn the ridiculous, or to commend the favorable. Were he a Plato, or a Demosthenes, or a Shakespeare, he would be able to criticise. Such, however, is not the case. Nevertheless, he will put forth strenuous efforts to perform his allotted task, and trust that you will pardon all harsh criticisms, if any, for it may be attributed to the lack of experience. With this issue we extend to you our fraternal hand of welcome and trust that the bond of friendship my continue, that has always existed between the Muh-LENBERG and its many exchanges.
- We received lately *The Lutheran Echo*, a new exchange worthy of commendation. It is an interesting Parish paper, and we admire the enterprise of its editors, Rev. A. E. Erdman, '74 and Rev. J. H. Raker, '89. The front page of the September number is beautifully adorned with a cut of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy with an accompaning discription.
- The Hiram College Advance gives the following: "Don't love but one at a time, but right here I object, because I have noticed that those who love more than one at a time seem to have better health and to be more jovial and pleasant. No person ever killed himself intentionally who loved more than one girl at a time. A fellow is always in hopes if he doesn't confine himself to loving just one. College boys are gen-

- erally considered a tough and deceptive set because they are usually generous and not so terribly exclusive in their nature. The fact is, a college boy that doesn't love more than one girl at once is no college boy at all."
- The Haverfordian for June contained an excellent account of the "Reunion of the Class of '78." Out of 16 graduates 13 were present, with two members of the class who left college before graduation. Such a reunion of long separation stirs up a deep feeling of loyalty which should be the characteristic of every college alumnus, for after we separate on the day of our graduation, we often loose the high esteem we should always cherish for our college; where as such a means deepens the interest of loyality in our hearts towards our class as well as our Dear Alma Mater.
- The Hesperian contains many excellent literary productions. Evolution of the Senior" is quite an able article, describing the gradual developement of the Freshmen to Seniors the following are spicy clippings from the same: "I'd as leave be a Senior,. blooming and gay, as follow the queen on the king's highway-said a poet long since unknown to fame and name." "Reconstruct in the mind, the lank, green, foolish specimen of perambulating humanity which sidled into the university halls and had the audacity to become a Freshman." "Though, in his Freshman year, he is gawky, and slightly inclined to imbecility, in his Sophomore year he begins to show signs of wisdom, such as it is, permeated with remnants of ignorance. The 'wise fool,' however, often passes

for a much wiser one than he really is." "Juniority is the happy time of life, just 'betwixt and between.' But as to the Seniors, 'they are different classes.'" "First there is the hard-shell Senior, who takes to the classics. needs an iron bound anatomy to prevent the corpse-like verbs from oozing out in the shape of perspiration." Then there is soft-shell Seniors who takes to history, and the rock-ribbed who studies "It is related that a postphilosophy. mortem examination of such a Senior's brain once revealed 1,789 molecules of memory pressed together so hard that they had crystalized and had formed a brilliant of exceeding beauty." The last is the acid-covered Senior, a combination, explosive, volatile and precious article.

PERSONALS.

FACULTY.

Dr. Seip attended the special Congress on Higher Education, July 26, 27, 28, at the World's Fair as an Honorary Vice President by appointment of Dr. W. T. Harris, United States Commissioner of Education, and by invitation of the Chairman of the Congress, Dr. D. C. Gilman, President of Johns Hopkins University, he addressed the convention on the topic, "To What Extent Should an Antecedent Liberal Education be Required of Students of Law, Medicine and Theology?" Muhlenberg College was represented at the World's Fair not only by its president, but also by an exhibit in the Educational and Church Departments of the United States Government and of our state. The church

exhibit of our college was the finest at the fair.

Drs. Seip, Richards, Ettinger and Prof. Dieter spent some time at Chicago during the summer.

Dr. Richards attended the dedication of a church at Stroudsburg during July.

Dr. Garber visited his mother, who lives in Montgomery county. She is 84 years old.

Dr. Seip, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Anna, spent three weeks at the World's Fair, after which they went to Milwaukee for a short time.

Dr. Wackernagel spent most of his vacation in reading, writing and preaching. He preached every Sunday.

Dr. Bowman spent his vacation at home working at botany. He made several botanical trips through this part of the country and found a few specimens which he did not have before.

Dr. Ettinger was one of the instructors at the Pennsylvania Chatauqua, which met at Mt. Gretna this summer. He taught New Testament Greek and Latin. He also delivered two lectures, the one on Horace and the other on Virgil.

Dr. Garber spent some time arranging the college library during vacation after which he went on a fishing trip and spent a few weeks on the farm.

STUDENTS.

Dr. G.—"What kind of circles does the lesson treat of to-day? Gensler, '96. —"Circumcised." (Roar). Gensler must have been reading the bible before going to class.

Killian, '95, canvassed in some of the New England States during vacation.

Kline, '94 and Heintz, '94 traveled for the Philadelphia Bible Society during vacation.

Dr. W.—"Whom did the French drive from their country?" Kistler, C. '95 .-"The Hug-me-nots."

Zweier '94 was asked whether he had any matrimonial alliances After hesitating a little he replied, "Must, must I tell that?"

It took Mohr, '96 all summer to find out whether he wanted to take in the World's Fair or not. He finally decided to go a few days before college opened. Mohr says he is his own boss.

Who said that we had no ball players at Muhlenberg? Miller, N. '95 played with Allentown at Lansford and out of the seven hits that were made he made four himself. Miller certainly can play ball.

LOCALS.

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on the material improvement in his ed, and we would urge the Freshmen recitation room. The ornamented walls to use it at some evening gathering. It shed brightness all around.

Our wise Seniors, who have attempted great things before, are taking soundings in Butler's Analogy. Bon vogage!

The stately Juniors have entered training for the struggle with labratory fumes. All, however, expect to pass the trial and live.

Our friends of '96 are advancing cautiously toward the "the great ocean of truth, lying all undiscovered before" them. They are, however, not Sir Isaac Newtons.

At a meeting of the Franklin Society, Sept. 8th, the following officers were elected: President, M. L. Trexler, '94; Vice President, C. E. Sandt, '95; Secretary, Prof. M. H. Richards, D. D.; Treasurer, Prof. Davis Garber, Ph. D.; Curators, Druckenmiller, '94 and Longaker, '94.

The robust, healthy, energetic Freshmen are courageously engaging the forces of the Philistines, as drawn by the scent of fresh blood and new mown hay, they make nightly assaults upon our undaunted boys. As a side light to this remark, we may mention that the class of '97 has engaged the services of Corrosive Sublimate for the conflict, which will be for blood.

The customary beginning of an acquaintanceship is a remark concerning the weather. We will accordingly relieve ourselves of this duty by the following statement: Unless Old Prob capriciously changes tactics, His Autumn Phalanxes of Wind, Rain, Hail and Sleet will soon charge upon us. We congratulate Dr. Wackernagel (Note.—This remark is not copyrightwill stun the company.)

During the by-gone vacation, two of our boys, whom we are proud to own, successfully conducted an excursion from this place up the Hudson. Such "push," pluck and perseverance, with the blessing of God, always bring large returns in knowledge as in wealth.

Each true student has already noted, and whatever others there may be we would inform that our college library has been given more space by the "powers that be"—alcoves to be filled with many volumes, containing pearls of knowledge and jewels of truth to reward the earnest seeker. Excelsior!

As staid upper-class men, we now proceed to administer our first dose of advice to the new men—the fresh-men: Don't pony; because that relative of the ass is fond of "bucking" uncomfortably, sometimes. You may at least depend upon this: when you having finished riding it, there won't be much left of *you*.

The Franklin Society asks no recommendation. It needs none. Each student must keep in touch with outside life to prevent his becoming a mere college fossil—interesting, but useless. The bright thoughts of brilliant men are the diamonds which rub off our dross and dullness, and fit us to become honored and useful everywhere. No student can afford to miss reading the occurrences of daily life, and feasting on the nourishment and delicacies dished up in the different magazines.

We welcome into our midst, as Juniors, Mr. H. P. Miller, a graduate of the Missionary Institute of Selinsgrove, Pa., and Mr. L. P. Lazarus, who was detained by sickness from being a Sen-

ior this year. '95 prides herself on her acquisitions, and well she may. welcome, as Sophomores, Mr. Paul H. Breinig, of Egypt; Mr. Geo. A. Greiss, of Alburtis, and Mr. John M. Yetter, all three of whom having prepared at the Kutztown State Normal School. Also, Mr. Paul Z. Strodach, of Brooklyn, a graduate of the Brooklyn Latin As we survey our new men-Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen - we note the qualities of a true student in each, congratulate ourselves upon having received them as companions and college "chums," and earnestly hope that each will fulfil our glowing predictions as to their future.

As the branch of Physical Culture is touched upon in another local, we would like to express our views on this While we emphatically support all means of physically improving our students, we must confess we cannot comprehend how one lesson in four weeks will accomplish the desired result; bearing in mind that such lesson consists of kindergarten exercises "dignified" by Senioric and Post Graduate titles and designations. We hail our present course in physical culture with delight, but so far as it is the first step of an onward march in this direction. We conclude by quoting an expression made by Dr. Seip in his class-room to the present Juniors: "The object of true education is to develop the whole man, body, soul and mind." (Italics are ours).

Our boys have returned to alma mater with strengthened brawn for strengthened brain.

Loos, '94 spent part of his vacation in Allentown.

IN A LITERARY VEIN.

Sir Walter Scott is called "The Wizard of the North."

College journalism originated at Dartmouth in 1800.

The New York *Tribune* was founded by Horace Greely in 1841.

Robert Browning's last book was "Asolands, Fancies and Facts."

Wm. Knox wrote, "Oh, why Should the Spirit of Mortal be Proud?"

The kindergarten system of teaching was founded by Frœbel, a German.

The best book of synonyms now in the market is "Roget's Thesaurus."

Le Petit Journal, of Paris, has the largest circulation of any newspaper in the world.

The name "postal card" is an Americanism. In England the word "post card" is used.

Germany has two standard general encyclopedias, namely, the Brockhaus and the Meyer.

Oliver Wendell Holmes defined fashionable tea drinkings as "giggle, gabble, gobble and git."

Knight's edition of the plays of Shakespeare contains an interesting biography of the poet.

The finest chapter in the Bible to read is usually considered to be the twenty-sixth chapter of the Acts.

The first paper in the United States to publish a Sunday edition was the New York *Herald*.

Jerome K. Jerome is not a *nom de plume*, but a *psendonym* often employed by Mr. Jerome is "An Idle Fellow."

The moons of Mars were discovered by Professor Hall through the telescope of the Naval Observatory at Washington. In Lockart's "Life of Scott" is found an account of the circumstances of Scott's declination of the poet laureateship of England.

Miss Kate Marsden describes her trip to Yakutsk very graphically in her book, "On Sledge and Horseback to Outcast Siberian Lepers."

Signing with a cross was first practiced by Christians in ancient times to distinguish themselves from Pagans, and was a symbol that they were pledged to the truth of the matter to which they affixed the sign.

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The Copenhagen Society for the publication of Old Norse Literature has brought out a fac-simile edition of the original manuscript of the volume of the Old Norse poems commonly called "The Elder Edda or The Edda of Sæmund the Wise."

The "Round Table" was a huge table at which, according to the old romancers, King Arthur and his knights were accustomed to sit. It is generally supposed to have been made of marble; each knight had his own seat, upon which his name was engraved in letters of gold. The "Round Table" is said to have been modeled after the one used at the Last Supper.

Literature is not at a low ebb, only in the minds of a few disappointed writers. The chances for literary success exist; the trouble is that so few know the true art of writing. Mr. Howells, who may be said to be the most successful of American novelists, advises persons who desire to write fiction not to trouble themselves about standards or ideals, but to endeavor to be faithful and natural, remembering always "that there is no greatness, no beauty, which does not come from truth."



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EDITORIALS.

HE grand carnival of Lehigh, the "County Fair," has come and gone. The various manners and features, peculiar only to this great institution, which are so much enjoyed and partaken of by the farmer and his blooming daughter, have also betaken themselves hence.

No more do we hear the fakirs of the "Midway" call out their wares, endeavoring to their utmost, to gather in the sheckels jingling in the pockets of the sons of toil. Nor does the itinerate photographer persuade the bashful country couple to buy their likeness on tin. No, alas! these have all come and gone like the shadowy army of the desert.

The "Lehigh County Fair" was not at all affected by the great World's Exhibition at Chicago, nor could it be, for were we not told that it was outstripped only by the inconcievably great "Fair" in the West? Let us be convinced as to this question, and believe that this fete is one of the necessary diversions to the farmer of our outlying districts, and even the elite of immaculate (?) Allentown, Catasauqua, Bethlehem and Easton, contributed to the success of "the Fair" by being present, not in spirit, but in person. The exhibits

were inconcievably numerous and multifarious, ranging from the finest needle work of some accomplished daughter of Allentown to the great steers and stallions, the pride and joy of many a son of the soil.

The amusements, which play such an important part in the success of a fair, were of various kinds and descriptions. Hither and thither could be seen booths from whence came the clang of rifleshot, and where many a rude swain has shown his abilities as a marksman, to his uninitiated city cousin. Over in another avenue were stalls where the twirlers of the college base ball club (?) could test their steadiness by trying to "hit the nigger on the head," and get "two cigars." Scattered at wide intervals were sharpers with their games of chance, but these kept themselves "shady" as much as possible, for had they been spied by any of the "guards" they would have been conveyed to "uncomfortable quarters." But, stop a moment, we have not as yet touched upon the greatest drawing card of the fairthe races. Paying a bauble at one of the offices on the grounds, one is admitted to the grand stand which affords an excellent view of the entire track. Hither and thither, and in all directions, were horses driven, preparatory to the coming heats, when suddenly from the judge's stand come the tones of the bell for the starting. After some futile attempts at starting and endeavoring to "keep even" with the pole horse, the judge finally cries "go." They are off like a flash and are "Nancy-Hanked," as it were, twice around the track, when at last they reach the homestretch and each horse is trying for the lead. Necks and eyes are strained, and the spectators watch with bated breath, until the strain is relieved by the favorite's passing, but half a length ahead under the wire.

These races are not in the least comparable to the English Derby and Ascot nor to the French Grand Prix; but nevertheless, they are as much enjoyed, if not more so, than the so called "nobility" races.

Music, on such an occasion, is not neglected, for Allentown's crack band discourses classic as well as popular music, to the edification and amusement of visitors.

The last half-day of the fair is called "breaking-up-day," and at this time do the "dear girls" rush the cologne man for his "squirts," but they also rush the "fellows" in order to anoint them with the fragrant (?) contents. Alas! Time, like riches, has wings and flies away—dusk has already arrived, all betake themselves to their several homes, and when discussing some of the fair's features, all vote it as *Ausgezeichnet*.

one of the higher classes was lately directed toward the unnecessary asking of questions by the students. Nor is this confined exclusively to one recitation room, but to all. Frequently a student, who is called upon to recite, in order to conceal his non-prepared state, acts the part of a charlatan, dissembler, hypocrite, or whatever appellation may be added, and by so doing, thinks he "pulls the wool over the eyes" of the professor.

Is this the case with the negligent

student only? Decidedly not. There are those who wish to be froward and pedantic, thinking by their shrewdness to "stick" — permit the expression—their instructor, or do they simply wish to be heard like the Pharisee at the street corners? Now, if this is the state of affairs, those pseudo-socratic-disciples would do their professors and class-mates a magnanimous favor by "letting up" on this unnecessary "quizzing."

But a question may arise, can we not ask any questions? Certainly, and as many as are edifying and necessary, providing they are of essential importance, relative to the text and of interest to the student.

Oftentimes questions are asked, which, if the student (?) had prepared his task, could be found in the subject matter of his text books.

Now, it is not by any means the idea of this article to be antagonistic toward any useful information, but we were once told that unnecessary time was spent in discussing subjects totally foreign to class work, and thereby debarring the *student* from obtaining the good counsel and instruction imparted by the professor.

OTA BENE. Let it not be forgotten that Muhlenberg is to be represented at the inter-collegiate Oratorical Contest, and that it is of vital importance that the two societies, viz.: Enterpea and Sophronia, take up the matter and deliberate upon it with sobriety and sense.

Of course, and without doubt, only staid and experienced Seniors and anxious Juniors are eligible as representatives, so that the wily Soph and verdant Freshie need not worry about the importance and embarrassment of the occasion. As there was no agreement entered upon by the Muhlenberg delegates, it rests with the societies to decide as to the mode of representation.

Also since it was remarked that the prize-orator is not always the best speaker — the judges being amateurish — it is only fit and proper that it be a "free for all race," Senior and Junior, and that Muhlenberg have a representative who is able to speak Queen's English. It must also be kept in mind that our speaker has to face an English speaking audience and is compelled to vie with men who have habituated themselves to the use of English, from their babbling infant days to manhood.

HERE is a question which is agitating the minds of all our students, namely, the recitation question. is meant that the authorities do away with the afternoon hour of recitation and affix it to the morning's routine of This would not be inconvenient in the least, since the recitation hours would extend from 8.30 to 12.30. This mode of work has been successfully tried at many colleges and why not at Muhlenberg? Let a petition be gotten up by some intelligent common-sensed Senior, signed by the students, and presented to the Board, for we are sure they would be considerate. Muhlenberg has been and still is behind in many respects, simply because the majority of our students are in a dormant state as to college customs. Let us be up and doing, rise en masse, not be discouraged because petition after petition on various subjects have been slighted and although we are behind time, still by persevering, step by step, we may still catch up to the good times Muhlenberg saw ten years ago. The Spaniards are an indolent lazy people, yet they have excellent proverbs, and one of them is, mas vale tarde que nunca.

FELLOWSHIP AND DOCTRINE.

BY THE REV. W. A. SADTLER, Ph. D., '83.

The first word of our heading strikes the ear at once by its familiar sound, for these present days of the year of grace 1893 are certainly days of fellowship. The World's Parliament of Religions is now in session, and strange scenes are being enacted here and reported to an attentive world. Side by side, and each in his representative and official capacity, are assembled Buddhists, Confucianists, Jews, Greek Catholics, Roman Catholics, Protestants, orthodox and rationalistic, scientists, philosophers, with Theosophists and others of like tendency whose ravings do not admit of any orderly classification.

Perhaps we are to see God's co-operating providence in this coming together of the ends of the earth. The bright prospect that has been held forth as the outcome of all this commingling of nations and creeds is that of the dawning of a day of oneness of belief among men and then of peace on earth. The sentiment to be heard day after day at these gatherings is certainly a beautiful one. One God, the Father of all, and all men brothers is truly an inspiring thought and one that touches the heart as soon as heard. Let us then lay aside all the narrowness of prejudice, become liberal and follow this noble principle unreservedly.

Looking about for a representative man from the non-Christian ranks, we are attracted by the elequence of the cultured Brahmin, Protap Chunder Mozoomdar, the advocate of the reformatory society, the Brahmo-Somaj. This man, who not only speaks a fluent English, but is both scholar and orator, said in part: "The Bible is the book which mankind shall not ignore. Recognizing, therefore, on the one hand the great inspiration of the Hindoo scriptures, we could not but on the other hand recognize the inspiration and authority of the Bible. And in 1861 we published a book in which extracts from all scriptures were given as the book which was to be read in the course of our devotions. monotheism therefore, stands upon all scriptures. . . . What about the sanctification of our own consciences, the regeneration of our own souls? What about our acceptance before the awful tribunal of the God of infinite justice? After the end of the work of our social reform we were therefore led into this great subject—how shall this unregenerate nature be regenerated; this defiled temple, what waters shall wash it into a new and pure condition?

"All our aspirations, and all our fine wishes, and all our fine dreams and fine sermons—these will never make a life perfect. Devotion only, prayer, direct perception of God's spirit, communion with him, absolute self-abasement before his majesty; devotional fervor, devotional excitement, spiritual absorption, living and moving in God—that is the secret of personal holiness.

"May the spread of the new dispensation rest with you and make you our brothers and sisters. Representatives of all religions, may all your religions merge into the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, that Christ's prophecy may be fulfilled, that the world's hope may be fulfilled, and mankind become one kingdom with God our Father."

Then, says the Inter-Ocean: "A storm of applause filled the great hall with its mighty roar which increased as the audience rose to their feet, and, waving handkerchiefs and hats, compelled the acknowledgement of the speaker." A yet more remarkable scene was enacted that same day, when the audience was so overjoyed by the Shinto high priest's generalities on the subject of peace and brotherhood that it could find expression for its rapture only by indulging in a stampede for the platform and, in some cases, by actually embracing the Celestial before all.

The kingdom of heaven is not to come by observation, we read, and may we not in all reverence question whether it is to come in any scene of uproarious welcome to the half truths so abundant at the World's Parliament of Religions?

Taking the best of these utterances as expressing the spirit of Christianity, we are moved to ask, are they the genuine heathen article, as used at home, or are they perhaps gotten up for this particular occasion? These universal reformers come from the most ancient civilizations. Are they the product of those civilizations, or are they shining in the reflected light of Christianity, absorbed by them in some missionary or government college? Finally do they consistently practice their lofty ideals in the midst of the degradation of their own lands and civilizations?

The prevailing testimony of missionaries, and even of tourists, in India is to the effect that the enlightened native minority are practically silent and inactive in the presence of the great masses of degraded and suffering humanity in which their land abounds. One of the devoted women of the Lutheran Church, laboring for the elevation of her sex in that sin-stricken land, but just now in our country in behalf of her cause, is authority for the statement that hardly half a million of India's hundred million women can read, and that these, almost without exception, gained their knowledge in Christian schools. As far as all the women of that darkened land are concerned, it is still the universal practice to sell them to a husband at about their tenth year. In view of this one significant fact of the universal and utter degradation of woman in India, was not the thunderous applause bestowed upon the eloquent Mozoomdar about a hundred years or so too soon?

We read that a certain Dr. Martin Luther once refused to shake hands with a man on the grounds that the other man was wrong according to Scripture, and was, moreover, actuated by a different spirit from himself. Much abuse has been heaped upon Luther for this act of bigotry, so-called, but, as an honest man, what else was What are we to do, as honhe to do? est men, when called upon to join our emotional brethren and sisters in embracing the Shinto? Are we called upon to receive the earnest Brahmin as a true brother? Then we ought not stand aloof from the Jewish rabbi, although, when all his glittering generalities are analyzed, he is found to reject in supercilious disdain our blessed Lord, Jesus the Crucified. If Fellowship is to be the word, we must bow in lowly submission before the distinguished prelates Rome has in the field. wily Ireland is here and Chapelle, in his scarlet robes and massive gold chain and cross, the very type of the arrogant and sensual prelate, Watterson, the exegete, is on hand, making that which long ages of bitter cruelty have stained black appear white, as when he wrests the Scriptures to show that the usurped authority of the Roman hierarchy is God's own ordinance. This kind of thing may go down with a Roman Catholic audience, and even with some of the great unthinking crowd, but how does it stand forth in the light of God's word, and judged by the analogy of the faith?

What of Fellowship with the crackbrained Theosophist? What of endorsing the cold-blooded unbelief of the so-called Idealist? About this time the beautiful guiding principle of Fellowship seems to be getting somewhat raveled, and we recall a word of Scripture truth that seems to fit in here. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

Must Fellowship be rejected entirely? By no means, but care must be taken to distinguish the genuine from the spurious. Fellowship is not a matter of mere feeling, and much less of what we call "gush;" but it springs from the realization of being at one in spirit with our fellowmen.

True Fellowship is that practiced by the apostles, as recorded in the Book of Acts, and it rests upon oneness of faith or doctrine. This Fellowship rested upon a foundation no less deep and broad than that of prophets and apostles, with Jesus Christ as its corner stone. All making this foundation the rock of their defence were brethren in deed as in name, and their Fellowship went so deep into the heart that it touched the pocket nerve, and impelled them to share their property with those of their brethren who were in want. Under its gracious influence, the gulf, so deep and broad, between rich and poor disappeared, and numbers were daily added to the church of those who were being saved.

Within this limit then, viz., that of Apostolic Fellowship, we can exercise the broadest charity. In place of cheap expressions of humanitarian good-feeling, we can even go out from our pleasant homes to live with our Brahmin brethren in the moral and spiritual degradation of their lands and to help them in their strenuous efforts for the elevation of the race and universal

brotherhood. What have the Universalists, whose especial love feast this Parliament is, done for degraded Heathendom? How long will it now be before the discovery is made by the whole rationalistic brotherhood in whatever

denomination they may be, that the world is even now walking in the light? Some will be found even in that evil day to hold fast the doctrine of the apostles and to walk in their truly Christian Fellowship.

SIDE=LIGHTS.

Of the five senses, sight is probably the most priceless blessing, so that one is hardly coginzant of its limitations. The word sight ro a certain degree is ambiguous, since it may either refer to the material, the seen, or to the inroads made by the digging and delving of the mind—the unseen. The truth of the matter is, that our physical sight is limited within such narrow bounds that if our minds went no further than the mere communication of that organ, we should be blind and ignorant indeed.

The physically complete college man is the happy possessor of this all im-But whether he portant sense—sight. puts it to use in both ways, to catch glimpses of the material and to fathom the delicate intricacies of the unseen, is a question whose answer is, in many cases, doubtful. Can any level-headed, rational being entertain such a thought that any college man possessing all his necessary faculties of reason, would commit any deed, through heedlessness, were he to know the outcome of all such doings? Can anyone imagine that any "Freshie," or whatever classman he may be, would decorate any town with green paint?

Little did the Harvard students know what would be the result of their rashness when they bedecked almost all the college property with red paint, after their unpronouncable, unexpected success over Yale; but after a few were rusticated and athletics were cut down to a very narrow margin, did they realize the folly of their expensive celebration.

"Folly soon wears her shoes out. She dances so fast."

But there is a ludicrous side of graduate and undergraduate life. How some Sophomore struts along the public thoroughfare, his head laden (?) with Euclid, Greek verse and many other things, and thinks that all look around to catch a glimpse of "the cock of the walk." Perhaps, too, the sober Senior and dignified Junior, in their debates, have a thought that they are pulling the world about by its tail, but, alas, when they come to do battle with actualities they find it vica versa.

"Very few individuals in the world possess the happy consciousness of their own powers, which belongs to the newly graduated collegian. He has most abounding faith in the tricksy panoply that he has wrought out of the metal of his classics. His mathematics, he has not a doubt, will solve for him every complexity of life's questions; and his logic will as certainly untie all Gordian knots, whether in politics or ethics."

College life is not that easy fascinating happy-go-lucky life one reads about. There was but one Tom Brown at

Rugby and Oxford. Perhaps, too, Tommy Atkins thought army-life was nothing but polo-playing and steeple-chasing, and perhaps he never gave thought to the fact that life, at its long-est, is but a bubble that bursts so soon as it is rounded. Indeed, there are many pleasant sides to college life, but, just as in the tide of actual work, there is also the same to be found within the classic walls of any institution.

The imaginations, free and unfettered as they may seem to be, grow weary and must fold their wings after a few short flights; and so too with many ideas of greatness and hopes of success, they are only too often shattered, and whatever stage may have been reached when misfortune overtakes us, we are still to cling to the rounds of the ladder of progress and climb higher if we would not sink lower.

OLLA PODRIDA.

When you give advice don't try to put it all in italics.—Atlanta Constitution.

Persons extremely reserved are like old enamelled watches, which had painted covers that hindered your seeing what o'clock it was.—Walpole.

THE editor of a Georgia paper in criticizing a contemporary says: "He kangarood over the fence of prevarication and Nancy-hanked through the woods of equivocation."

What so foolish as the chase of fame? How vain the prize! how impotent our aim!

For what are men, who grasp at praise sublime,

But bubbles on the rapid stream of Time,

That rise and fall, that swell, and are no more,

Born and forgot, ten thousand in an hour. — Young.

THE Russian soldier is probably more heavily burdened than any other. A foot soldier in the army of the Czar carries over 68 pounds. The weights borne by the foot soldiers of the other

principal European nations are said to be as follows: French, 62 pounds; German, 61 pounds; British, 62 pounds; Swiss, 59 pounds; Italian, 43 pounds; Austrian, 47 pounds.

WHICH WON THE PRIZE?

Three students of the Eco des Beaux Arts, Marseilles, were talking in a café. "My dear fellow," said one, "I painted the other day a little piece of pine wood in imitation of marble so perfectly that it sank to the bottom of the water."

"Pooh," said another; "yesterday I suspended my thermometer on the easel that holds my 'View of the Polar Regions.' It fell at once to 20 below zero."

"That's nothing," said the last; "my portrait of the Marquis is so lifelike that it has to be shaved twice a week."

—New York Recorder.

BRIEF EPITAPHS.

In Worcester, England, is a stone erected over the grave of a departed auctioneer of that city, on which "Gone" is inscribed. In a Sussex graveyard, in addition to the initials of the deceased

and the date of death, a stone has inscribed in large letters the words "He Was." Two of the strangest, as well as the shortest epitaphs are "Asleep (as usual)," on the tombstone of a large individual by one who knew him well, and "Left till called for" is carved on a gravestone in Cane Hill Cemetery, Belfast. A photographer has this inscription over his grave: "Here I lie, taken from life." On the tomb of Charles the Great, first Emperor of Germany, are two words only, "Carolo Magno."

The only instrument used purely for punishment in English jails nowadays is a crank handle weighted heavily with lead and working heavily inside a box, an indicator at a slit recording the number of revolutions made—800 to 10,000 constituting a day's work. Among the purely mechanical labor is included the working at the crank handles of the huge water pump, and by cranks, too, all the meal used in the prison is ground, but in the case of corn-grinding the prisoner may rest as often as he likes, provided he gets through his allotted task.—New York Times.

LULLABY.

[FROM THE IRISH.]

I.

Lullaby, little one, birdies are sleeping In the green heart of the sycamore tree;

Smile in thy sleep while thy mother is weeping,

Lullaby, darling, asthoreen machree.

H

Lullaby, little one, spring and the swallow

Hasten them hither from over the sea, Maybe a fonder one later may follow

Home to my darling, asthoreen machree.

III.

Lullaby, little one, over the billow
Ne'er will my warrior hasten to me;
Weird is the wail of the shivering willow
By the wan river, asthoroen marchree.

IV.

Lullaby, little one, far in the meadow Fairies are ringing their blue bells for thee;

Mother is sobbing in sorrow and shadow, Lullaby, darling, asthoreen machree.

V.

Lullaby, little one, soon will the sorrow Dawn on thy heart in its innocence free;

Wailing will come with the bitter tomorrow,

Lullaby, darling, asthoreen machree.

Lullaby, little one, crooneth the river, Winds whistle down by the sorrowing sea;

Warriors battle, but father will never Come to my darling, asthorcen machree.*

—P. J. COLEMAN.

^{*} Asthoreen machine is the Irish for "little love of my heart,"



EXCHANGES.

- We were pleased to take up the *Thielensian* for criticism. Not only does the second number of Vol. XI contain very commendable literary matter, but the journal comes to our "table" in a new and attractive garb. The staff, as well as the artist, is to be congratulated in their *earnest* effort toward perfection.
- The *Polytechnic*, a scientific journal, appears with an excellent article, entitled "Present Favorable and Unfavorable Tendencies in Engineering Education," by Palmer C. Ricketts, director of the institute. This article is especially praiseworthy since it was read before the Division on Engineering Education at the World's Columbian Exposition.
- With joy and good fellowship we highly commend the editor of the Dickinson Seminary Journal because of its editorial on "Athletics." giving sports should co-operate with mental labor. When it is the object of all athletic organizations "to keep the body under and the mind on top," then all sports are highly beneficial, for intemperance in all things is injurious. Team work in college sports is essential to progress and victory. "Careful examination has proved that great benefits are derived from team work, not only by the individual players, but also by the institution to which they belong."
- We are exceedingly elated with the *College Student*, not because it is the journal of F. & M., but more especially because it contains the inspiring oration, the prize oration of the Junior

Contest. The theme of Mr. P. A. De-Long's oration is "Profit and Loss." It is gratifying to know that the most important prizes offered at F. & M. were carried off by Muhlenbergenians. To be impartial, the subject mattea is of high order. "Life is a series of occullations between extreme limits." To the question: "What is man?" The answer of science is: "A little higher than the beasts;" the answer of Revelation is: "A little lower than the angels." Thus in successive periods the pehdulum swings to and fro with atendency toward either side according as the human mind leans to the limited, the material and the useful, or rises to the infinite, the spiritual and the beautiful. His portrayal of the evil tendencies of the age, that of speculation, is very vivid, and that man is willing to sacrifice self and everything for gain.

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— The Address of Rev. L. S. Black, Pastor of the college church, in the Gettysburg College Monthly is quite interesting. The following are clippings from the same: "It is a great thing to begin life, and it is a great thidg to help to start young life right. If the flower could think and feel, it might grow tired of being admired and talked about and hearing its praises sung; but that would still not have anything to do with its beauty and fragrance and enjoyableness. Young men may grow tired of being admired and talked about—of being called the hope and flower and strength of the earthbut that does not still have anything to do with what you really are in yourselves." "Still further, the body is the servant of the mind, and to weaken the body by the abuse of its strength or to fail to develop its strength must of necessity curtail the power and attainment and use of the mind. There have been great minds in puny, sickly bodies; but they were the exceptions and not the rule — they were freaks of nature and not nature itself."

OUR ALUMNI.

'70. Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, 5467 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., is the English Secretary of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

'72. After his return from a trip to the World's Fair, Rev. J. A. Scheffer is again actively engaged in collecting funds for St. Luke's Lutheran Mission, Allentown, of which he is temporary pastor.

'73. At the Missionary meeting of the General Council now in session at Fort Wayne, Indiana, Rev. John Nicum, D. D., of Rochester, N. Y., delivered an address.

'75. Rev. William A. Passavant, Jr., General Supt. of the Lutheran Home Mission Committee, of the United States, is also a trustee of Thiel College, Greenville, Pa.

'78. A recent number of the Lancaster Morning Nems contained a very full historical account of "Old Trinity" Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pa., Rev. Charles L. Fry, pastor.

'79. We regret to announce the death of Rev. C. L. Knapp, Lancaster, N. Y., father of Rev. Julius W. Knapp, pastor of a flourishing mission at Harlem, N. Y.

'79. Rev. Carl N. Conrad is pastor of a Lutheran congregation in Rochester, N. Y., embracing about 850 families and 4000 souls. We clip the following from a Rochester paper of recent date: In July last the Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Congregation on Helena street, decided to redecorate and otherwise remodel and improve the interior of their church building on Helena street, also the

Mission chapel in Central park. The work has been completed under the direction of Rev. Carl N. Conrad, who has been the successful pastor of the congregation since 1882. reconsecration was performed at the morning service, yesterday, by the pastor, Rev. Conrad, who also preached from Psalm xxvi: viii, on the theme, "Our Newly Renovated House of God." Showing (1.) The builder, (2.) the foundation, (3.) the members who worked in the same. The other ministers participating were Rev. Father Gerndt and Rev. O. Lorenz, of this city and Rev. Teegen, of Penfield. The large church, which comfortably seats 1,100, was more than filled, the audience at either service being fully 1,200. The choir under the direction of Prof. O. F. Leddin, added much to the solemnity and edification of the services.

'81. Rev. C. E. Sandt lately lectured in the Aineyville chapel on his trip to the World's Fair.

'85. W. K. Mohr, Esq., Allentown, is a prominent member of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society, whose annual fair is the largest and most successful in the United States.

'87. Prof. George A. Miller has resigned his position at Eureka, Ill., to accept a call to the Mathematical Department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He writes that they expect an enrollment of 2,600 students in all the departments.

'90. Alfred T. Bittner's name appears in the last catalogue of Boston University as a student in the Medical Department. '92. J. Richmond Merkel, formerly Supt. of Public Schools, Pioneer, Ohio, has taken Prof. Oberly's place in the Academic Department, where he is now doing very good work.

'92. Oscar F. Bernheim is Private Secretary to Congressman C. J. Erdman, of the Allentown District.

'93. Roderick Albright has entered Jefferson Medical, College, Philada.

PERSONALS.

FACULTY.

Drs. Seip, Richards, Spieker and Repass attended the meeting of the Lutheran Conference at Lehighton.

Dr. Garber delivered the Anniversary Address at St. Peter's Sunday School, Allentown, on Sunday, Sept. 24th.

Dr. Richards was present at the Sesqui-Centennial of the St. Augustus Lutheran Church at Trappe. He delivered an address on the subject; "The lesson of a well-equipped ministry taught by what Dr. Muhlenberg did while at the Trappe." The exercises were held in the Old Trappe Church.

Drs. Seip, Richards and Repass attended the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, at Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Council was in session for almost two weeks.

Dr. Wackernagel lectured upon the "Holy Land" before the Young People's Society of Weatherly. The Doctor had lived in the Holy Land and his lectures are very instructive as well as entertaining.

Dr. Wackernagel published a beautiful melody in the July number of the Jugend Freund of which he is editor. He composed several melodies some years ago; but had not published them until recently.

Dr. J. A. Bauman delivered the Auniversary Address at the Mission Sunday School in the First Ward, Allentown, on Sunday, Oct. 8th.

Prof. J. R. Merkel, '92, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. Frank C. Oberly, '89, as tutor in the Academic Department.

STUDENTS.

Leidy, '96, took a flying trip to Philadelphia.

Trexler, '94, visited friends at Lafayette College.

Sandt, '95, attended the Inter-State Fair, at Trenton, N. J.

Bauer, '95, Killian, '95 and Strodach, '96 visited their homes.

Strodach, '96, wears the emblem of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Klein, '96, preached in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Sunday, Oct. 1, for Rev. S. T. Leopold.

Woodring, '94 and Kistler, E. H., '95, left on a two-weeks' trip to the World's Fair.

Ellis, '95, is seen in the company of the fairer ones frequently of late. Quite a change in the boy.

Dr. E.—What is the perfect of Baino? Klick, '97 — Ba-be-ba-ka. (Bebaka). Dr. E.—O, yes, I see, *your mind* is on the baby.

Kistler, W. U., '94, who won the Junior oratorical prize last spring, thinks he should have had a chance to deliver the Anniversary Address in the First Ward Sunday School.

Fehr, '97, who was engaged in one of the Freshmen-Sophomore rackets, was given a hearing. Fehr was very much afraid that he might be given a leave of absence to attend the Nazareth Fair.

Muhlenberg College has not only literary men, but she has also some musical talent. Kistler, E. H., '95, has composed several beautiful anthems. We would encourage the gentleman in his musical efforts.

Weaver, '96, while leading the Y. P. S. of C. E., of town, looked for Chronicles in the New Testament. Had it not been for his friend Genszler, he might have made an *impression* upon the minds of those present.

Fred Kuntz, an ex-member of the Class of '94, stopped off to see some of his friends at college on his way to register as a student of Jefferson Medical College.

D. A. Miller and S. P. Miller, both of '94, left college to visit Chicago and the World's Fair.

G. D. Druckenmiller, '94, delivered an address before the Mountainville Sunday School on October 8.

Kline, '94, is again organist in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, of which Dr. Bauman is pastor.

We wonder why Zweier, '94, blushes whenever anything is mentioned concerning matrimonial alliances? When Dr. G. told his Latin class that no one ought to enter into that state before he had finished his college course, Zweier became very much excited. Why?

Thrall, '97, who was taken sick with congestion of the brain shortly after having entered college, was removed to St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem. From the latest reports, we learn that he is convalescing rapidly. Mr. Thrall has the sympathy of all his fellow students.

At one of the boarding clubs, the question was asked: "What class of people are most frequently imposed upon at fairs?" Some one said the farmers. Mohr, '96, overhearing it, said: "It is not the farmer, since I was at the fair three days and no one imposed upon me."

LOCALS.

THE DESCRIPTION OF LOCALITIES IN OUR COLLEGE LIFE, AND IN SOME OTHER DOMAINS.

The Fair.—(Locality.)

The Fairest.—(Generality.)

The Fairest of the Fair.—(Speciality.)

A collegiate comparison, as exemplified by our boys during the last of September.

In the name of our college students, we heartily congratulate Rev. Dr. Wackernagel upon his having successfully passed the 55th milestone of his life, on Monday, September 25th; and Rev. Dr. Bauman upon his 46th accomplishment of a similar feat on Thursday, September 21. We are extremely chagrined upon our ignorance of these interesting events upon their respective occurrences. If a student's advice is worth anything, we would suggest that our worthy professors be not so modest

upon such occasions, and allow the pleasant interchange of good wishes in our happy collegiate family.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, the Class of '96 ceased to exist as a separate, unconquerable body. For on that day the two armies of Juniors and Sophomores faced each other, while nine champions of either side contended for the mastery upon the slippery sands of farfamed Rittersville. Long and severe was the contest. The Sophomores slew their thousands, but the Juniors their ten-thousands. (We are now speaking as Samantha Allen remarks, in a "metafer.") At any rate, the slaughter was slaughterous. And when proud '95 had ceased to battle, the field at Rittersville was strewn with the bones of '96. There is a doubt in college as to whether any breath will be able to infuse life into these dead men of '96. In short, the Juniors whipped the Sophomores in base ball most completely, the score being 6 to 1 at the end of the sixth inning, when the game was called on account of invaders who wanted the diamond, and had permission from the authorities to get it. The pitchers, Ellis, '95 and Spang, '96, were pretty evenly matched, but in field work, the '95 boys played all around their opponents. The star feature of the game was a one-hand, backward running catch of Leidy, '96. The opinion has gained credence in college that no single class-team in Muhlenberg is able to cope successfully with the Junioric Giants.

A number of our boys, with Dr. Wackernagel, are taking part in the

chorus of 150 voices, which, under the auspices of the Euterpean Club of town, will compete for the prize offered for the best rendition of Mendelssohn's Chorus, "O, Great is the Depth," a part of his Oratorio of "St. Paul." The contest will take place at the Eisteddfodd of the Welsh societies, on Thanksgiving Day, in the Central Market Hall, this city. The Eisteddfodd will be a notable event to our music-loving people, and we would urge our boys to attend it. May success attend the banners of the chorus in which our boys take part.

Our boys are earnestly engaged in helping St. Stephen's Mission, which Dr. Wackernagel has started in the northwestern part of the city. When the call for teachers in its Sunday school was sent out, our boys responded nobly. Now, with a number of most estimable young ladies of St. Michael's Church, they are rehearsing the cantata, "The Building of the Temple," to be rendered in St. Michael's Church on Oct. 31. The aim of the project is the building of a temple for St. Stephen's congregation. The cantata will be directed by Mr. S. J. Brobst, the accomplished organist of St. Michael's, and Dr. Wackernagel is giving his time and experience for the success of this cause. We take pleasure in recording the alacrity with which our students responded to this call, and trust their endeavors will be crowned with unqualified success.

The Mandolin, Banjo and Guitar Club has reorganized for the coming year with the following officers: President, Allen V. Heyl, '94; leader, Marcus S. Hottenstein, '96; secretary, J. J. Schindel, '96; business manager, Fred. E. Cooper, '96.

We are pleased to be able to note that our professor in Hygienic Culture, Dr. H. H. Herbst, has published a pamphlet entitled, "Elements of Physical Education," which meets to perfection the demands of that great class of students who wish enough exercise to secure and assure perfect health. The doctor has given us briefly, but well, a number of muscular exercises, which, if systematically and persistently used, will educate our young men to become fac-similes of the hardy Spartan youths. Exercise often, boys, and don't be satisfied with one trial a month.

The Sophronian Literary Society has purchased a number of new books for its library.

The Freshman class has adopted the following cry: Yi, Yi, Ki! Yi, Yi, Ki! I.-4-X! V-2-I! Their football and base ball teams have also been organized. W. D. Kline and F. W. Struntz were elected captain and manager of the base ball team and O. W. Hacker and G. F. Kuhl of the football team.

The Junior class elected the following officers: President, V. J. Bauer; Vice President, W. J. Ellis; Secretary, E. E. Snyder; Treasurer, F. C. Krapf; Historian, J. E. Sandt.

The First Ward Mission, under the able supervision of Dr. Davis Garber, celebrated its 25th anniversary. The

secretary, J. W. H. Heintz, '94, read the annual report and a brief history since the founding of the Sunday school. W. U. Kistler, '94, read appropriate passages of the Scripture and Dr. J. A. Bauman, a former superintendent of the school, delivered the address.

The Euterpean Literary Society has challenged the Sophronian Literary Society to an Inter-Society Oratorical Contest to be held between now and Christmas. The challenge was accepted and definite arrangements will be made shortly.

The Sophronian Literary Society elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, D. A. Miller; Vice President, E. H. Kistler; Clerk, L. D. Gable; Treasurer, N. T. Miller; Corresponding Secretary, J. Snyder; Assistant Librarian, E. Raker; Chaplain, E. P. Xander; Budget Editor, W. J. Schmidt; Critics, W. H. S. Miller and M. W. Gross.

The following are the officers of Class '95: President, Barr; Vice President, S. G. Trexler; Secretary, Weddigen; Treasurer, Weaver.

The football team for this season has been fully organized. The following positions have been assigned: Everett, centre; Xander, right guard; Esterbrook, left guard; Kistler, right tackle; Strodach, left tackle; Schmidt, right end; Mantz, left end; Heyl, right half back; Michel, left half back; Krapf, quarter back; Spang, full back. Spang was elected captain of the team.

IN A LITERARY VEIN.

General Lew Wallace's latest work, "The Prince of India," profoundly entertaining from beginning to end, is a worthy successor of "Ben Hur."

The French novelist, Paul Bourget, is expected to give a few lectures on French literature in French at New York before leaving this country. Bourget is an advocate of the analytical or psychological novel, which he claims can alone depict the phases and describe the complications of human life.

Professor Hardy, of the Cosmopolitan, speaking of propriety of fiction between what may be admitted to a family magazine as moral and what must be omitted said, "I do believe that one can say anything under the sun on any subject, and say it safely, if he does it with discretion and there is a real reason for doing it." Prof. Hardy is an enthusiastic student of human passions and its expression in literature. He believes in idealism superadded to realism in fiction.

The present financial question is of so much importance to all that we deem it proper and necessary to make mention of some able works in which plans for the solution of this problem are discussed. In the September number of the *Forum* is an able article entitled "Phenomenal Aspects of the Financial Crisis" by Albert C. Stevens. This same number of the *Forum* also contains an article by John Bach Mc-Master, which is a good help in gaining a clear view of the financial question.

This question is, however, discussed not only in the newspapers and magazines, but even books have already been published among which is the one written by Mr. R. P. Rothwell, editor of the Engineering and Mining Journal, in which he sets forth a scheme, endorsed by keen and practical thinkers, which embraces the formation of an international monetary clearing house —its membership composed of experts from the various countries concerned. The questions of the day are also sensibly discussed by Lyman Allen, M. D., in his recent work, "Political Problem." This is composed of a series of essays in which he gives attention to equal suffrage, national ownership of railways and telegraphs, an inheritance tax, etc.

Because John G. Whittier visited very frequently at the house of ex-Governor Claffin, of Massachusetts, Mrs. Mary B. Claffin was enabled to become thoroughly acquainted with the poet; and for this reason her book entitled, "Personal Recollections of John G. Whittier" is especially valuable and interesting. In this work she represents Whittier as ordinarily shy, cautions and reserved, but easily drawn out when discussing subjects of which he was fond; -never leading, but always waiting for others to lead in the The many scenes and conversation. the picture of the poet are set forth in such an attractive manner that his character will be endeared even still more to the great body of readers who love his "rhymes" and cherish his memory.



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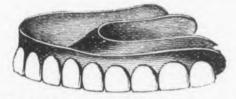
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EDITORIALS.

THE question, "Who reads the MUH-LENBERG?" has often sprung up in the minds of some of the patrons and editors of this college journal. very nearly every subscriber of the MUHLENBERG, there is, at least, one page which is of interest to the reader. The Alumni have their page; the Faculty also has its page, and the student is frequently drawn upon and referred to in some witticism. Although each of the above mentioned are duly considered, yet there are some features of the journal which are given hardly any attention, and hence the value of them cannot be appreciated. There are those who only refer to the personal column, then fling the journal into some obscure corner, and do not bestow the slightest attention to such articles which are kindly and with best intent contributed to the MUHLENBERG. duties of editing and publishing a journal are arduous, therefore all articles published should at least be honored by being read.

Again, we must treat with such as are prone to be critical without reason and judgment.

"Whoever thinks a faultless piece to see,

Thinks what ne'er was, nor is, nor e'er shall be."

The staff would be grateful to such who would kindly suggest anything that would lead to the betterment and success of its work.

Providence that MUHLENBERG is located in the Queen City of the Lehigh Valley. Almost every month there is at least one or two important events which call for the patronage of the sons of Muhlenberg and to which they respond with a right good will—and perhaps with too good a will sometimes, we are compelled to think.

The "County Institute"—another institution of interest and enjoyment, next to the "County Fair"—is an organization composed of the school "marms" and such as are interested in teaching the young ideal how to shoot.

When the time for this congress arrives, the public school "urchins" are as happy as larks, and what heightens their pleasure is the fact that their tormentors are being taught. Alas! how many of the teachers go to the "Institute" to learn? Very few, and if they do go they are well stocked with peanuts and such provisions necessary for a four hours' siege.

The part taken by the student is a conspicuous one and were it not for him, many a fair young maiden would absent herself just because there would be no "supernatural" being to gaze upon. The "conspicuous" part is not one only of being a charm, but also of the peculiar kinds of disturbances he can create, and helps largely to break the monotony of the programme, and finally leaves the assembly after having

flung some of his erudition in the teeth of the instructors—nullius addictus jurare in verba magistri.

HE gridiron field is now very much frequented by the athletes of Muhlenberg College, and their efforts are an earnest one toward success and—the goal. The football team is yet in its infancy, but it has shown itself such a hale and hearty infant that—not figuratively speaking—two very strong teams, the Invincibles of Allentown and an aggregation of ex-Lehigh University men and Freemansburgians, have been clearly outstripped and undone.

Anyone who has observed with what a vim and snap Muhlenberg played in the last two matches, can judge for himself and come to the conclusion that with a little coaching and patience a team of stalwart youths can be put on the field that will vie with some of the strongest.

THE Campus is put to good use at this season of the year. After the day's routine of work is over, the student whose blood needs warming, discards his dress of erudition and culture, dons the canvas jacket and trousers, and hies himself hence to the field where the "pig skin" is being kicked and passed about. He is aware that he dare not act like the sloth, who views the towers of Fame with envious, stilldesirous eyes, and is impotent to rise to action, but he must assume the demeanor of one who plays and works with equal zest, keeping in mind that "pleasure and action make the hours seem short" and that he is not "a man whose blood is very snow-broth."

BUTLER'S ANALOGY.

IT occurs to us that some thoughts on the subject indicated may be "a Word in season" to our young men; specially to the members of the Senior class. Certainly a college journal should be something more than a mere budget of news, chronicling the everyday happenings of student life. To make the MUHLENBERG MONTHLY an aid to the clearer understanding of the higher aims of college life, and thus to assist in the formation of habits of serious study, can hardly be regarded as a subordinate end. Indeed, that it has not been, and is not now, so regarded, is clearly evident from the uniform character of the Monthly.

The Analogy is a classic of its kind, and justly holds a high place among works of real merit. To be ignorant of the Work might well be held as an impeachment of one's claim to scholarship; and scarcely less serious than ignorance of Shakespeare. The nature of the work is evident; and the aim of the author entirely clear from the beginning of the argument. In the 17th century the popular form of unbelief in England was that of Deism. While accepting the existence of God as a personal being; the creation of the world by him, and the course of nature as known; together with the limitations of human knowledge, these skeptics denied Revelation, and Christianity as based upon it, and sought to subvert the entire scheme of Redemption as made known in the Holy Scriptures. Along with the denial of Revealed religion the Deism of that age was characterized by a superficial spirit and the absence of moral earnestness in those who professed to accept it as a system of truth. As Chaplain of queen Caroline the presence of Butler was required at the Tea parties given by her Majesty. Here were assembled the gay favorites of the Court. The subjects of conversation usually introduced were of a Theological nature; and the position held by our author afforded him ample opportunity to study the special arguments employed against Christianity. While the Analogy was the outgrowth of years of close study and observation, the form of the argument was largely determined by the discussions held at Caroline's elegant Tea parties. fact makes the treatment of the subject entirely practical.

The argument throughout is eminently serious. It is scarcely more profound in its whole character than it is the product of earnest and strong convictions concerning those high subjects with which it is occupied. While the scope of the Work is narrow it is for this reason all the more clear and definite, both in its form and aim. It is not a philosophy of Religion, however much of sound philosophy characterizes and rules in its pages. It rather seeks to meet and overthrow the popular objections urged against the Christian religion. this it does with singular force and effect. Occupying the ground of his adversaries he makes the defence of Christianity on the basis of the presuppositions of its enemies, showing the frivolous nature of their objections. As Deism itself maintained that God exercised a natural and moral government over the world, the author aims to show that the teaching of Revelation in no sense contradicts that of Natural religion, but rather supplements and confirms it. And as regards the mysteries of Christianity, i. e. those truths to which unaided reason can not attain, these are not in contradiction to reason rightly understood and exercised. There were certainly limitations to human knowledge; and what was obscure, or even apparently contradictory, should be referred to our ignorance of the whole of the purpose of God in creation and providence, and not charged upon his supposed lack of goodness and wisdom as claimed in Revelation. To reject the truths of Revealed religion because these were above reason; or appeared to be unnecessary; or because they were open to the charge of injustice on the part of its divine author, was itself to set up the claim to infinite wisdom, or the ability to comprehend the entire plan and purpose of God in the creation and government of the universe. And always keeping in mind the one aim of the work, viz. to show the analogy between Natural and Revealed religion, the author turns the argument with tremendous force upon the adversaries. As many objections, and of a like nature, could be urged against the system of the Deists. To be consistent these should take refuge in Agnosticism; or even in blank Atheism. Such merely negative objections lacked all the forms and features of argument proper, and when the same objections were urged with equal force against those who brought them, as they could be, it was the complete overthrow of the adversaries. That Butler showed himself a master in this contest is acknowledged by all who have studied his admirable work. As has been well said by his editor: "Leaving the ramparts of the Church to be guarded by others he quietly walked out into the camp of the enemy, and spiked every gun."

Within its sphere, and as against the Deism of that age, the defence is com-The Analogy shows clearly that the truths of Christianity are unassailable from that quarter of the field. ery distinctive doctrine of the Scriptures - though certainly not every human interpretation of the doctrine - stands secure against the objector. The Religion of Revelation is in no sense contradictory to Natural religion as maintained by the school of English Deists; or indeed of any other, however much purblind opposers may seek to set the two in antagonism. Even those truths of our faith which belong to the region of the higher mysteries, such as the Atonement, the Resurrection of the body, and Regeneration, even these are in harmony with right reason, and find their analogies in the sphere of the Natural and the Moral as shown in the present order of the Divine government.

Such is the argument very generally outlined. To follow it is much more than an excellent mental discipline. It lays a good rational foundation for Christianity against much of the superficial skepticism of every age. To the student who grasps the argument of the Book it cannot fail to contribute to increasing breadth and soberness of thought. Indolence and frivolity may not understand; — but the work was not written for these. The Analogy is the product of a sober, thoughtful, profound mind. The author was a man whose convictions

were as deep as his thoughts were clear.

And this clearly indicates the value of this study. Some may ask, what advantage is derived from the use of the Analogy in our College course? What is the compensation for the labor it costs to endeavor to understand it? To answer such inquiries to the satisfaction of those who make them may be difficult. The question places a material estimate upon the study. It can scarcely be said that the Analogy will yield such a return. It does repay him who puts himself in touch with the author's thought, who grasps his argument. While the Work is an admirable defence of Christianity against unbelief-and this gives it special value-the serious study of Butler cannot fail to contribute to the highest ends of true education. The subject to which it leads attention is certainly one of supreme importance. The information it yields to him who honestly endeavors to comprehend, it is abundant compensation for the labor required. The mental discipline secured by the study is perhaps not less than that gained by any subject comprised in the College course. And if these are not advantages of the most solid character, then what are the fruits of study? It is not a book merely for such as expect to preach the Gospel. It is worth quite as much to the young man who proposes to study law, or medicine. Indeed, every scholar, or man who lays claim to being educated, should read Butler, and seek to understand him.

That the Work is difficult is known to every one who truly looks into it. But that it is obscure either in the thought or argument we deny. There is certainly some obscurity of phraseology and style. But the matter of the Analogy is substantial and real to a singular degree, and the conduct of the defence made eminently clear and satisfactory. It is not said that this is an easy study. To the indolent no *study* is easy. And what is, after all, an easy study worth to a student?

In our Colleges not a few mischievous traditions live, and are transmitted. One of these is, that Butler's Analogy is in high repute as a most difficult study, and has been so regarded from the beginning. When this subject is mentioned Seniors shake their wise heads ominously at incoming Juniors, and not infrequently succeed in frightening them with the spectre of the Analogy. In this way Butler is maligned in the house of such as should be his best friends, and instead of giving his great Book respectful study, it is taken up with a sort of dread; or, what is worse, regarded as one of the necessary evils of the College course. "Of course it cannot be understood, but still it must be gone over;" and the poor student doggedly resigns himself to the inevitable. He just "goes over" Butler's Analogy.

In the name of the departed Butler we protest against such a treatment. The Book was written to be understood, and can be understood. Earnest study, close and diligent application, together with the serious purpose to give honest attention to the high and important subjects of which it treats, will enable the student to comprehend the great argument. It would be better to be ashamed to confess inability to understand than to charge the author with having written an obsure work. The latter is the refuge of indolence.

OLLA PODRIDA.

OTHER men are lenses through which we read our own minds.—*Emerson*.

NEXT to acquiring good friends the best acquisition is that of good books. —*Colton*.

Nor love thy life, nor hate; but, while thou liv'st,

Live well. How long, how short, permit to heaven. — Milton.

To do easily what is difficult for others is the mark of talent. To do what is impossible for talent is the mark of genius.—Amiel.

IT IS REPUTED that the first daily newspaper in the English language was the *Contant*, which was started in London in 1702.

A SCIENTIFIC WRITER says that night is the time which nature utilizes for the growth of plants and animals; children grow more rapidly during the night. In the daytime the system is kept busy disposing of the wastes consequent on activity, but while asleep the system is free to extend its operations beyond the mere replacing of worn-out particles, hence the rapid growth. This is why invalids need so much rest and sleep.—

New York Times.

Throughout the world if it were sought,
Fair words enough a man shall find;
They be good cheap, they cost right
nought,

Their substance is but only wind; But well to say and so to mean, That sweet accord is seldom seen.

-Sir Thomas Wyatt.

IT HAS been estimated that an average waltz takes a dancer over about three-quarters of a mile; a square dance makes him cover half a mile. A girl with a well filled programme travels thus in one evening: Twelve waltzes, nine miles; four other dances, at half a mile apiece, which is hardly a fairly big estimate, two miles more, the intermission stroll and the trips to the dressing-room to renovate her gown and complexion, half a mile; grand total, eleven and a half miles.—*Public Opinion*.

STATISTICS of some of the great wars of the past are reported to be as follows: The Crimean war cost \$2,000,000,000 and 750,000 lives; the Italian war of 1859, \$300,000,000 and 45,000 lives; the war for Southern independence cost the North \$5,100,000,000, and the South \$2,300,000,000, and together about 830,000 lives; the Prusso-Austrian war of 1866 cost \$333,000,000 and 45,000 lives; the Russo-Turkish war, \$125,000,000 and 250,000 lives, and the Franco-Prussian war, \$4,100,000,000 and 196,000 lives.

THE NEW READING TERMINAL STATION.

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marble furnished lavatories, rich and elegant hangings and daintily tinted walls and frescoed ceilings, make a combination rarely seen except in the palaces of the wealthy and great. The Reading Terminal Station is in every respect a pleasant surprise to the public. Gentlemen who have traveled all over the world, state that the new station contains the finest waiting rooms on the face of the globe. Philadelphia is naturally proud of the new edifice as it is far in advance of anything of a similar kind in this country or abroad. Its ornamentation and handsome furnishings are an attraction to thousands of visitors, and an object lesson in decorative art. The upper part of the building is used by the executive and clerical force of the company, and nearly all the various officials have already occupied quarters therein. The building is one of the sights of the city.

AYESHA.

1.

High on a camel's hump she sat, Conched on a silky Fezzan mat. And sailed along the waste of sand More like the ocean than the land. Ayesha!

IL

And many an armed and valiant man Guarded that glittering caravan, His turban snow-white in the sun Where ostriches and zebras run. Ayesha!

111.

A troop of Bedonins with their spears In the Sahara quick appears, And, spurring with sirocco speed, Each Moslem strides a fiery steed. Ayesha! IV.

A furious charge—a broken line Above the sands their crescent shine, Onward the fierce marauders dash, To clang of hoof and falchion's flash. Ayesha!

1.

Her cries unheard, her convoy slain, The Paynims scouring o'er the plain Praise Allah for the prize thus sent A captive to their chieftain's tent. Ayesha!

VI.

But he, a sheik of stately mien.
Swore by his beard that ne'er was seen
So fair a maid since Mahmoud' day.
And sent her scathless on her way.
Ayesha!

VII.

Upon a courser fleet she rode, Unconscious of its lovely load, With precious gifts of silk and gold. Her slave the Arab chieftain bold.

Ayesha!

-David Graham Adec.

EXCHANGES.

The exchanges as a whole contain numerous articles on football, setting forth many remarks in the way of encouragement for their home teams. The following is quoted from the Hesperian: By most carefully prepared statistics for a number of years, it is found that men who take part in college athletics take a rank in studies very far above the average, and instances are not rare where they have carried away the valedictories.

What makes you in your school take pride

As on the open field you stride

And give the college yell beside?—
Foot Ball! — Ev.

We welcome among our exchanges the *Gustaviana*, an interesting journal. The October number contains good articles, and from them we judge that it bids fair to surpass in the future what it has been doing in the past.

We have just received the Mirror from The Moravian Seminary for Young Ladies, Bethlehem. As we peruse its bright pages we cannot refrain from congratulating the staff on the journal's appearance. We perfectly agree with editors that a school's paper is, in a sense, the school's representative, which goes forth to make friends for it, and to interest people in its work and life. By its paper a school is often judged.

The following clippings from the College Forum will be read with interest: "The Famous old Prayer to Mam-

mon, the Mighty Dollar." "Mighty Dollar, without thee in the world, we can do nothing, but with thee we can do all things. When sickness lays its paralyzing hand upon us thou cans't provide for us the tenderest nurses, the most skillful physicians, and when the last struggle of mortality is over and we are being borne to the last resting place of the dead, thou cans't provide a band of music and a military escort thither, and last, but not least, erect a magnificent monument over our grave, with a living epitaph to perpetuate our memory, and while here in the midst of our misfortunes of life we perhaps are accused of crimes and brought before magistrates thou, Mighty Dollar, cans't secure to us a feed lawyer, a bribed judge, a packed jury, and we go scot free. Thou cans't adorn the gentleman and feed the jackass; thou art the favorite of the philosopher and the ideal of the lunk-head. Mighty Dollar, thou art the guide of our footsteps and the goal of our being. Guided by thy silver light we may hope to reach the golden gate, and triumphantly enter while hands harmoniously sweep the golden harps as we walk the golden streets."

"Mighty Dollar! thy shining face Bespeaks thy wondrous power; My pockets be thy resting place— 'I need thee every hour.'"

We are sorry to say that some of last year's exchanges have not put in their appearance.



ALUMNI NOTES.

Our Alumni Editor.

BY HIMSELF.

When the MUHLENBERG was started, the Alumnus who from time to time has been furnishing the "Alumni Notes" was asked to contribute what he knew about our former graduates. This he consented to do and this he has done up to the present time. At various times appeals have been made that all items of interest should be sent to him for publication, but up to date comparatively few have been sent. He is, therefore, obliged to depend upon what he can clip from the papers, what he hears in conversation, and, in short, upon whatever happens to come to his notice. With this, it seems, some of our good Alumni brethren are not satisfied. One man complains and stops his paper because he thinks he, as a member of another denomination, does not receive satisfactory treatment at our hands. Another ministerial brother wishes to know why we did not give a different and more extended account of the re-dedication of his church. Another, a candidate for office, feels hurt because his candidacy was not mentioned. Bless the good fellow, as he was not successful, we think he should rather thank us for having kept quiet about him. When we published that another Alumnus intended to come to Allentown to read law, the aforesaid and above-mentioned prospective disciple of Blackstone, in the language of the small boy, "went for us," and vet every word we wrote was true and he is now living in Allentown and reading law. These are some of the trials and tribulations of him who is called Alumni Editor. Verily, in the language of the comic opera, "his lot is not a happy one." As he has nothing in this world to do but watch the lives and actions of his fellow-graduates, and gets the munificent salary of one free copy of the MUHLENBERG (he buys his own paper, pens and ink), it does appear as if he were not earning his salary. If the present editor, therefore, does not know the exploits and great deeds of our Alumni when he ought to know them, if he can not render interesting what is not interesting, in short, if he can not manufacture Alumni news when there is none, then it is high time that we secure one that can perform such journalistic legerdemain, or at any rate obtain Associated Press despatches.

The sentiments above expressed having come to the ears of the editor, he has also thought loudly and says that he is quite willing to resign in favor of any one that is auxious for the position at the present rates, as such resignation will save him at least one evening in a month at present devoted to the search of news.

Nota Bene, Mi Carrissime Alumne.— This little article is to serve a double purpose. We needed matter, so it serves for filling (a very appropriate term with Thanksgiving so near at hand). Some of our Alumni should keep us better informed as to their doings. If they wish us to mention what they are accomplishing in this world, let them inform us and we shall be glad to publish everything that is sent (provided, of course, the spelling be fair and the packages of information be not sent by express C.O. D.) Now, "lastly and finally," as our good brother used to remark, if each of the Alumni that have found room for their criticisms, will contribute as much to the "Alumni Notes" as the present editor has contributed in the past ten vears, the Alumni Department of THE MUHLENBERG will require an annex to be built to our monthly. And why should they not send such information? If they are interested in the paper (and their criticisms would seem to indicate some interest either in the monthly or in themselves) they will contribute their fair share and thus help the cause in which, we assure them, none can be more interested than the present Alumni Editor.

'70. The annual report of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society contains an illustration and brief account of the Chapel of the Church of the Redeemer, Rev. W. K. Frick pastor, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This is a model building of brick with stone trimmings, 40x68 feet. It cost \$6,200 and can accommodate 400 Sunday school people.

'73. In the list of lectures in the course of the Allentown College for Women appears the name of Dr. J. A. Bauman.

'73. Prof. Francis D. Raub, Supt. of Public Schools, Allentown, is daily growing in favor with teachers and scholars and is showing himself a live man in his position.

'77. The same report of the Lutheran Extension contains a neat cut of the Chapel of St. James' Church, Portland, Oregon, Rev. M. L. Zweizig, pastor. Built of brick with stone trimmings, it presents a very substantial appearance. Its cost was \$6,500.

'80. Rev. James F. Beates, pastor of the Woman's Memorial Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, is on a trip East to gather funds for his mission. On the morning of November 19 he is to preach in St. John's Lutheran Church, Allentown.

'87. Among the many occupants burned out by the recent fire of Breinig & Bachman's building in Allentown, was Reuben J. Butz, Esq. In addition to his personal loss, the minutes of the Alumni Association were lost in the flames.

DR. TURKEY COCK.

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The sleekest, fattest turkey strutted in and out

His fellows of the barnyard as he spoke with scornful tongue:

"Am I not the farmer's favorite, the one he feeds the best?"

And his air betrayed the proud contempt he felt for all the rest.

11.

Said the ancient, lean and hungry-looking Dr. Turkey Cock,

The oracle, adviser and physician of the flock. "Overeating isn't healthful; it affects a fellow's

head,"
But not a silly turkey eaught the drift of what he said.

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"I have often noticed this, my friends," he said with knowing leer,

"That fasting is a profit at the present time of year; For November is a month in which, if one is overfed. One may suffer from excitement till at last he'll lose his head."

15.

Still the fat and haughty turkey strutted up and down the place.

And the others thought the doctor didn't understand the case,

But they will see, before the sun has set upon Thanksgiving,

That the doctor knows a thing or two about the art of living.

- Washington Post.

PERSONALS.

FACULTY.

Dr. S. A. Repass returned from the World's Fair on Saturday, Oct. 21.

Drs. Bauman, Richards and Wackernagel preached for Dr. Repass while he visited the World's Fair.

Rev. C. J. Cooper filled the pulpit of St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Reading, on Sunday, Oct. 22.

Dr. Bauman has been selected to give one of the lectures at the Allentown College for Women this year.

Dr. Richards addressed the Young People's Society of the Lutheran Church at Trappe, on Oct. 26.

Every Sunday that Dr. Wackernagel is not otherwise engaged he preaches in St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Allentow.n

Dr. Richards preached the Reformation sermon at Salem's Lutherau Church, Lebanon, on Sunday, Oct. 29.

Dr. Richards delivered a very interesting address at the 21st anniversary of St. Michael's Sunday School on October 22.

Dr. Repass assisted in the installation of Rev. Klingler, who was elected pastor of the English Lutheran Church, Catasauqua.

Drs. Seip and Wachernagel were favored with a visit by Dr. Benecke, of Hamburg, Germany, who is traveling through this country for information concerning the Lutheran Church in America.

Dr. Richards preached in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, on Fifth street, this city, on Sunday evening, Nov. 5. He drew some very interesting and practical lessons from the

Liberty Bell, which was in our midst a few days before.

Dr. Wackernagel preached the Reformation sermon on Oct. 29 in Trinity Lutheran Church, Freemansburg, the Rev. Charles Saudt pastor. The ladies of the congregation had the church beautifully decorated. In this church they have what is lacking in so many of our congregations—good music—they have a full orchestra of which Mr. Shimer is leader.

Most of the ordained members of the faculty attended the meeting of the second conference of the ministerium of Pennsylvania, which convened in St. John's Lutheran Church, Allentown, for the purpose of trying the Rev. J. J. Reitz for insubordination. Dr. Seip was appointed chairman of the committee to settle the dispute which exists between the opposing factions of the Cherryville congregation; but on account of the position he holds as college president, he respectfully declined.

STUDENTS.

Thrall, '97, is again slowly recovering from his recent illness. Several weeks ago he was in a critical condition and was hardly expected to recover. He is at present visited by his mother.

Trexler, '96, spent Sunday, Oct. 22 at his home in Bernville.

Struntz, '97, spent several days in Philadelphia transacting some important business.

Lautz, '96, sang before the Teachers' Institute on Thursday evening, Oct. 19. His singing was greatly appreciated. Loos, '94, Longaker, '94, Barr, '96 and Weaver, '96, delivered interesting addresses at the Reformation Festival of St. Stephen Sunday School on Sunday, Nov. 5.

Spang, '96, who was captain of the football team, worked hard to get a decent team on the field; and he had succeeded admirably, when the team was forced to suspend by the college authorities.

Trexler, '94, is home on account of illness for the last few weeks. Pleurisy seems to be the trouble. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Sandt, '95, addressed the Patrons of Husbandry at Hellertown, on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Stopp, '95, rendered some excellent music at a Japanese tea given under the auspices of the Senior class of the Allentown College for Women. He was highly praised by men and women that understand music thoroughly.

Longaker, '94 and Snyder, J. '96 delivered addresses at a Jug breaking at the Aineyville Sunday School on October 29.

Trexler, '94, deserves a great deal of credit for the new design he has obtained for a college pin. The pin is of solid gold and in the shape of a pennant with the college colors and the word Muhlenberg on it.

Seaman, '97, spent Sunday, October 29 at his home.

Heintz, '94, delivered the Reformation address in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, on October 29th, Dr. J. A. Bauman, pastor.

Hacker, '97, was expelled and Gable, '95 and Schmidt, '95 were suspended for three weeks for ducking Mathews, '96. It is said that Mathews is suffering with nervous debility on account of the shock.

Strodach, '96, visited friends at Reading on Saturday, November 4.

Becker, '95, delivered a Reformation address in German, at Nazareth, on October 29.

Bauer, '95, spent Sunday, November 5 at home.

A SPRAY OF AUTUMN LEAVES.

Now comes the season when water congeals, leaves are numerous, and football requiescit in pace. This brings to our remembrance those words so fitly spoken by the Hon. Edgar W. Nye, craving whose permission we quote them:

"The Autumn leaves is falling;
They is falling everywhere.
They is falling in the atmosphere,
And also in the air."

Muhlenberg has not been omitted by the blighting, Autumnal weather. The front campus bears distinct evidence to the fact. The Junioric and Freshmanic leaves (G-b-e, '95; S-m-t, '95; H-ck-r, '97) were smitten not by weather, but water. Frost is very injurious to crops—agricultural and educational.

The Executive Committee of the College met here, Monday, October 23. Since we have no direct representation, the MUHLENBERG can give its readers no information as to the business transacted. We are satisfied, at this stage of life, to be well directed.

If we understand correctly, the Faculty has approved the petition of the students, changing the hours of recitation, so that it now will be presented for action to the Board of Trustees at their next regular meeting in January. We sincerely trust the gentlemen will grant the request, thus giving the students unbroken hours of study, reading and improvement. It is very much like a Tantalus-cup, to be on the point of grasping the truth of a lesson for the next day, and hear the bell send its musical symphonies through the halls, calling you away, and causing you to grope for an hour, possibly, to reach the same point you had when thus disturbed. The recitations, we believe, will be better, since they will have been prepared largely when the mind is on the alert, and not when both mind and body are gradually sinking to slumber. Gentlemen, smile graciously on our humble petition.

The old, cracked Liberty Bell has visited us. "Us," we say, for we are members of this community. On the way from the White City to that of Brotherly Love, the honored Bell (e)for "belle" it truly is to us Americans -rested at Allentown for 14 hours, Friday, November 3. It was received with honor. So much so, that some of the Bell's escort declared it never had received such an ovation outside of Philadelphia. Of the 5,000 men in line, no insignificant portion was that of Muhlenberg College! With the Faculty in barouches, and its students marching like veterans, it was proudly proclaimed to the assembled multitudes. There is a spirit of patriotism and liberty in Muhlenberg, unsurpassed and unsurpassable. We are Americans!

At the regular meeting of the Sophronian Literary Society, Wednesday, November 1, Mr. F. W. Wackernagle, '94, our able Assistant Editor-in-chief, for private reasons, resigned the office. Many were the regrets expressed at this course, but Mr. Wackernagel urged his resignation, which was reluctantly accepted. An unanimous, rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Wacknernagel for "services ably performed and faithfully rendered." As his successor, the society promoted the Literary Editor, Mr. S. P. Miller, '94, to the office vacated by Mr. Wackernagel, and elected Mr. Geo. S. Opp, '94, to that of Literary Editor.

Oswald W. Hacker has been expelled from the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

Muhlenberg was highly honored by the presence of Dr. Bennecke, Hamburg, Germany, who is traveling through America for the purpose of investigation concerning the Lutheran Church work here. The Doctor called upon Drs. Seip and Wackernagle, and we trust his impressions of Muhlenberg were in every way favorable.

Nile green and brown were adopted by the Freshman class as the colors which shall henceforth, in combination, announce their presence. The colors strike us as being peculiarly fitting. No doubt the archaeologists of the class delved long and often into ancient mysteries until they had secured the fitting combination. "Nile" suggests at once resurrected mummies, smelling of age and embalming materials. "Green" is the ancient appellation for Freshmen. (We were called so too when we were younger).

"Brown" suggests the condition of the face and hands of one just recently from the hay-field. Well, gentlemen, your colors are proper *now*. But next year—.

The College Missionary Society held its monthly meeting, Tuesday evening, October 24. Zweier, '94, read a paper on "The Faith of Islam," and extracts from the Missionary Review of the World were read by Beahler, '95, and Heldt, '97.

The college glee-club is about commencing action for this year. From a casual survey of the material at hand, it appears to us as if the glee-club should be very prosperous and successful.

The class of '96 elected W. Penn Barr, President; Samuel Trexler, Vice President; Leopold Weddigen, Secretary; W. M. Weaver, Treasurer; S. A. Bridges Stopp, Historian.

We have sporting men in college. On Saturday, October 21, a team of our boys played the Young Men's Club of town a game of football at Furnace Field. Our boys played all around their opponents, winning the game by the score of 14 to o. We had thought of mentioning the names of those making brilliant plays; but they were so general that we found the most expressive term would be: "All played nobly." Our boys lined up as follows: Right end, Schmidt; right tackle, Seaton; right guard, Xander; centre, Everitt; left guard, Esterbrook; left tackle, Gordon; left end, Leidy; quarter back, Krapf; half backs, Nickel and Baines (Heyl); full back, Spang, captain. Referee and Umpire, Douglas and Snyder, W. J., '95.

Muhlenberg's second game of football was played on Saturday, October 28th, with the Freemansburg team at Freemansburg. It was a hard-fought and interesting game. Although neither side scored, yet the playing was largely done at the Freemansburg goal.

The game was called at 3.45 p. m. with Freemansburg in possession of the ball. They started with a gain by the V. In the second and third down they gained, but in the fourth they lost. Here Muhlenberg secured it and held it for six downs.

Freemansburg then held the ball successively for four downs, but in the fifth they had a great loss through a tackle by Heyl and Seaton, while trying to kick goal.

Muhlenberg then started out with a great gain through a run by Baines. Gordon sent the ball flying by an excellent kick. Freemansburg then kicked the ball, but was stopped by Riegle. Then Muhlenberg bucked their centre and made a slight gain, but lost in the next three downs. Freemansburg then made a slight gain. The first half of the game ended with no score on either side.

The second half was begun with Muhlenberg's ball. A gain of 10 yards was made by the V, and also gained in the second and third downs. Here Freemansburg secured it on a fumble and lost. Muhlenberg then made a slight gain. Freemansburg gained during the first and second downs, but sustained a heavy loss in the third. A gain was then had by Muhlenberg. Freemansburg had the ball for the last time and made a good gain.

The contest closed with neither side

as victor, though the game really belonged to Muhlenberg as they came the nearest in making a touch down. There were only 10 feet lacking.

Freemansburg had an excellent team, as several Orange men played with them and one Lehigh man. Both sides played excellently. Most of the Muhlenberg men did ample justice to their team.

The spectators were many, and, occasionally both sides were cheered. The referee for the first half was Luckenbach and for the second half W. J. Snyder, '95, of Muhlenberg. The unpire for the first half was W. J. Snyder, '95, and Mitchell for the second half.

The teams lined up as follows:

| Muhlenberg. | Position. | Freemansburg. |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | |
| Esterbrook | left guard | Horn, W. |
| Andrews | · · · · centre ! | Van Biliard |
| Xander | . right guard | Apple |
| Leidy | right tackie | Horn, Ed. |
| Spang | quarter back | Quier Metzgar |
| Riegle | right half back | Nagle |
| Substitutes: | . full back . Strodach, W. I | |
| becker and Krap | ť. | To a service of the second |

Since our boys showed up so nicely, we trust the higher powers will permit them to do it again, especially since the Muhlenberg boys have always been orderly.

"The Building of the Temple," a sacred cantata, by T. Stuart Bogg and Dr. Geo. F. Root, was rendered by St. Michael's Young People's Missionary Society for the benefit of St. Stephen's chapel fund, in St. Michael's Lutheran Church, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 14, being a musical description of the building of Solomon's Temple, 1000 B. C. The cantata consisted of thirty-one numbers, di-

vided into three parts. The first part, fifteen numbers, described the "preparation" of the building by David; the second part, eleven numbers, the "completion" by Solomon, and the third part, five numbers, the "dedication." There was rendered a very pleasing variety of songs for children's voices, adults' solos, duets, trios, quartettes and full choruses. All of them were melodious and several exceptionally fine. Quite a number of our boys graced the occasion and added to its success with their melodious voices, which had been trained for some time by Mr. Samuel J. Brobst, the organist of St. Michael's, and Dr. W. Wackernagel. We are very sorry that the unalterable laws of the "Medes and the Persians" will not allow the delay of this issue of the MUHLENBERG, so that we might be more critical. Though we write "by faith," yet we can safely declare the success of the cantata.

Now blusheth the modest maiden as she inviteth the college boy to Thanksgiving Dinner. Now stammerth that college boy as he accepteth the wishedfor invitation. Now daily maketh he "flunks" as visions of an airy fairy dance about a nicely roasted turkey. Now daily doth he rival Spain in the building of air-castles in which a certain maiden "reigns supreme" (as he now saith). Each night is he in dreamland, his brain intoxicated by the sips of the divine nec-Yea, verily, Thanksgiving Day approacheth. Yet one thought mareth his pleasure — he dare not fully gratify his appetite, for must he not help on the Allentown ladies to victory in the Eisteddfodd? Verily, verily, our boys are in demand.

IN A LITERARY VEIN.

The November St. Nicholas contains the first of a series of stories of India and the jungle, by Kipling. It is said that when Kipling was a boy, he and his sister fought when new numbers of St. Nicholas came to them. Now he is writing interesting stories for the same paper. In the December number will appear an elephant story which is said to be one of his strongest efforts.

MAGAZINE is usually satisfied with one strong feature for the month. The Cosmopolitan has no less than five. A part of the magazine is given to color work. This consists of ten color illustrations accompanying an article by Mrs. Roger Pryor on "Measures of Lawn," or the changes in women's costume. Another feature is an article on "The Forms of Invitation" used by the English. It is illustrated by fac simile of cards to the Queen's dinner and to leading houses of England.

In Harper's for November, Julian Ralph describes life on sugar plantations of Louisiana. These plantations seem to be falling into the hands of northern capitalists. Richard Harding Davis continues his descriptions of London. An article on the Indian Territory, by R.W. McAdam, may prepare the way for the admission of that territory to statehood. It appears that the Indians have been crowded out by the whites.

Reviews for November is the article, "Possibilities of the Great Northwest," by S. A. Thompson, and also an additional article by Dr. E. R. Johnson, upon "Inland Waterways for the Northwest." Mr. Thompson has for several

years been engaged very actively in searching out means to bring the states northwest of the Mississippi and the Canadian provinces into closer communication with the rest of the Continent. He is therefore able to write intelligently upon the subject, both from knowledge and statistics. The two articles suggest a great future for the northwest. Each article is illustrated.

THE Century for November is the first number of a new volume and starts with well known writers as contributors. An early portrait of Edwin Booth forms the frontispiece of an article by Bispham on "Memories and Letters of Edwin Booth." Charles Craddock contributes the opening chapters of an interesting sketch, called "The Casting Vote." "In Lighter Vein" is told how "Luvbyrd goes a-Courting."

opens with an amusing travel sketch by Col. H. E. Colville of the Grenadier Guards. He describes his experiences while "In Camp with the Katchins." He also made a series of photographs from which Jaccaci has produced a series of drawings.

complete Novel is published in Lippincott's November number, entitled "AnUnsatisfactory Lover," by "The Duchess." It tells of an inauspicious wooing and interrupted courtship which led to a happy result,—for the lover does not always remain unsatisfactory. "The Rustlers," by Alice MacGowan, is continued in this number. It treats of life in Texas. There are other short stories by J. Knox and Phil Stanbury. "Golf" by John G. Speed is found in the athletic series.



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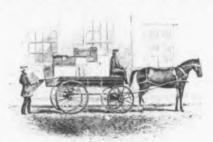
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EDITORIALS.

JI HE Christmas vacation will soon be at hand when the busy and careworn student can lay aside his studies and allow his mental faculties to dose in quiet and uninterrupted slumber. With as much eagerness as he leaves books will he be received by dear ones at home. Already he feasts on the prospeet of having a pleasant time—how he will be welcomed by the fair ones, and how he will in like manner reciprocate their hospitality. But let him beware lest his gastronomical cravings overcome him and he be compelled to nurse an overladen stomach in consequence. But may his most sauguine hopes be realized. May all THE MUHLENBERG'S readers enjoy the seasons richest blessings—a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanksgiving Day have become a part of history. Both these events are memorable to our students, because they participated actively in the demonstrations peculiar to each.

That they truly participated in the Thanksgiving Day program is quite plain from the frequent allusions to Turkey, Eisteddfod and Foot-ball. Besides the fact that all did full justice to their quota of turkey, and besides the fact that Princeton beat Yale there is another cause for great joy.

We refer to the winning of the prizes at the Eisteddfod.

Although Muhlenberg has no musical department in its course, yet who dare say that some of its students are not thoroughly versed in this fine art and that they are unable to render sweet harmonies?

This is no vain boast. Did not Mr. Stopp of the class of '95 win the prize offered for the best rendering of the piano solo? And were not the students successful in every other contest? Yea verily. Now dear readers, we hope you realize that there is musical (as well as classical) talent among the college boys. You can not then longer doubt that our glee club must be a success. It is organized under efficient leadership and its members are talented. This organization needs encouragement. Will you give it?

OW Muhlenberg is enrolled among the colleges comprising the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association. This year, for the first time, will she send forth one of her sons to combat with the elocutionary giants of other colleges.

All know why this one is to be sent and what he is to do; but none of us know who this one will be.

All feel, this cannot be decided without some test; therefore, it has been arranged that each of the two societies of our college shall delegate a certain number of men to engage in an intersociety contest conducted on a plan similar to that followed by other colleges. The winner shall be Muhlenberg's representative. This seems to be the only measure by which it can be decided fairly and with equal satisfaction to all.

Seniors naturally will have a chance to contest. Seniors only,—not because Juniors are unable to make speeches but because next year they will be Seniors, and it is no more than just that each class shall be represented but once.

Since Seniors only have the opportunity to display their skill as orators, let them enter this contest with a vim. The half-hearted one is sure to fail. Your disinterestedness may send some one less able.

Do then, you who have the privilege to enter this preliminary contest, enter it with a determination to win. The best speech names the winner The winner is the delegate.

THE semi-annual meeting of the Inter-Collegiate Press Association was held in the parlors of the American House, Lancaster, on Saturday, Dec. 9. Owing to the absence of the president and vice-president, the secretary P. L. Gerhart of the College Student presided over the meeting and A. H. Quinn of the Red and Blue was elected secretary. The principal item of business was the adoption of a new constitution. Mercersburg College Monthly applied for membership to the association and was elected. The dinner was then served at which the following papers were read:

- "Journalism in the college curriculum"—Red and Blue.
 - 2. "Should editors be elected by pop-

ular vote or on account of competitive work?"—Georgetown College Journal.

- 3. "Should a college publication be issued on individual responsibility or on the basis of student body authority?"

 —The Muhlenberg.
- 4. "Should a monthly be literary or for news?"—Swarthmore Phænix.
- 5. "The future of journalism." The Lafayette.
 - 6. "Prizes for contributions-should

they be offered?"-College Student.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Frank MacDaniel of the *Dickinsonian*; Vice President, Herman Conrow of the *Swathmore Phænix*; Secretary, Martin L. Trexler of *The Muhlenberg*; Treasurer, Percy L. Honsel of the *Lafayette*; Advisory Board, T. K. Smith of the *Red and Blue*, J. F. Smith of the *Georgetown Journal* and S. P. Miller of the *Muhlenberg*.

OLLA PODRIDA.

Who never walks save where he sees men's tracks makes no discoveries.— Holland,

The tongue is like a racehorse, which runs the faster the less weight it carries.—*Butler*,

A light supper, a good night's sleep and a fine morning have often made a hero of the same man who, by indigestion, a restless night and a rainy morning, would have proved a coward.— Chesterfield.

Percival.—Father, I don't want to go to that college. It's a poor concern.

His Father.—Poor, my son? It is an old, wealthy and famous institution that numbers among its graduates some of the most noted men in the land. What possible objection can you have against it?

Percival.—I don't like its yell.— Chicago Dispatch.

When a Chinese girl is married her attendants are always the oldest and ugliest women to be found in the neighborhood, who are paid to act as foils to her beauty. It is said that some exceptionally ugly old women make make their living by acting as professional attendants at weddings.—

Charleston News and Courier.

NATURE'S MIMICRY.

Curious resemblances in nature start with the cocoanut, in many respects like the human skull and almost a facsimile of the monkey's. The meat of the English walnut is almost a copy of the human brain, plums and black cherries like the human eve, almonds like the human nose, and an opened oyster and shell a perfect likeness of the human ear. The shape of a man's body may be traced in the mammoth squash, the open hand in growing scrub willows and celery, the human heart in German turnips and egg-plant, and dozens of the mechanical inventions of the present day to patterns furnished by nature. Thus the hog suggested the plow, the butterfly the door-hinge, the frog-stool the umbrella, the duck the ship, and the fungus growth on trees the bracket.—Petit Journal des Sciences.

A CHRISTMAS LAMP.

By Frank C. Longaker, '94.

DURING one of the later vacations of my college course a number of my class organized themselves into a Society for Geological Research. The constitution of the society did not limit our investigations to any fixed points; from place to place we shifted, usually camping upon some quiet river bank in preference to taking our meals and lodgings at the fashionable hotels of the country districts through which our surveys extended.

On one of these occasions, however, I lodged neither at a hotel nor in camp, but at an out-of-the-way, lonely looking farm house. The reason for this abrupt change may readily be surmised; especially if it is said that my mind was suddenly inclined toward Anthropology rather than Geology. My companions chided and ridiculed me for this traitorous action toward Geology which they regarded as a sort of a bride-elect whom they had sworn to love and cherish; but as the few weeks, the time agreed to be spent at S-, passed by, I found nothing, either in the new researches or in the pleasures attendidg the results, to cause regret for the change. Indeed, when we left S-, I did not mingle with the rest of the party, but was driven to the station in an old one horse chaise by a healthy, brunnette farmer's daughter.

At the station she lingered for a moment after I had alighted from the chaise; and it was a moment during which pretty imagries of pleasant associations crowded upon the mind for recognition. As the shrill whistle of the approaching train, warned us that we must say Good-Bye, I upon extending up hand to her, said; "Miss Palmer, you've shown many kindnesses and courtesies to me, for them I sincerely thank you. Now I have just one other to ask, will you receive letters from me, when I'm at college?"

Guardedly she replied; "If you'll find pleasure in writing to me, I'll gladly receive them."

Then she turned her large, questioning eyes toward me, and continued; "Mr. Harlem, we want you to come to see us during your Christmas vacation. Can you?"

"I can," was my ambiguous reply.

The varied scenes of college life gave wings to Time, and soon the first term of the year was numbered with the past. During the several months which had now elapsed, Miss Palmer had not forgotten me. Some days before Christmas she sent me a kind invitation from her mother to spend the festive day at their home. After a moment's meditation, I concluded to accept; and, since I had often wondered what a Christmas in the country might be, I experienced a peculiar satisfaction in the invitation.

When I arrived at S—, I was both surprised and delighted to find the young girl awaiting me. On the way to her home, she chatted pleasantly with me and was far less restrained in her manner and general demeanor toward me than during the previous summer; but gradually her manner began to alloy my pleasure. "Does this girl love me?" pressed upon me for solution.

If she did, I was unprepared for it and altogether uncertain whether I ever could make satisfactory returns for her affections. I had gone to spend Christmas in the country; and I made up my mind, that if I found that she expected more from me, I would leave her as soon as possible and thus at once undeceived her.

Foolish fellow, that I was! Is man generally so dull as not to recognize the motives of such acts as these on the part of the gentler sex? We boast of our superior intellect; but if we wish to know the motives of a woman's acts, we must lay aside selfishness and see that her heart is the rudder of her Life's ship! That Christie Palmer loved me, she unmistakably demonstrated immediately upon our arrival at her house.

Fondly she gazed upon me, as she approached, saying; "Mr. Harlem, I have a little gift for you, a Christmas present; will you receive it?"

The horns of a dilemma impaled me. If I accepted, I should give her the right of expectation; if not, I might offend. So I replied noncomittally; "why, I didn't expect anything."

"That's why I give it;" she returned laughingly.

Her frank manner and the absence of an apology for the peculiarity of the gift, indicated that I had a more than ordinary person with whom to deal. The present was a lamp; not an extraordinary one, a simple little oil lamp by whose dim light one could neither read nor do anything that required the application of vision. I, however, took it, trying to appear as little embarrassed as possible, This was like a wet blanket thrown over the sum of my Christmas pleasures. I did not care to cause the girl unnecessary pain. How to undo the affections, which I felt she had already permitted to steal out from her heart toward me, was an all absorbing question. I tried my fortune in exercising dominion over beings, over which, I believe, God gave man none. Amidst the protests of the family at my early departure, I urged an engagement at home for the early part of the evening.

When Miss Palmer announced to me that she would drive me to the station, I replied somewhat firmly; "No, not this afternoon. I thank you."

"But," she urged; "I'm sure it'll be pleasanter to drive than walk; don't you think so?"

"No, Miss Palmer; I've come to the country to experience the novelty of a country Christmas, and a walk to the station belongs to that."

I said this to put her on her guard, nor do I think that I failed, when I recall the hurried glance which she stole toward me and her pithy, but meaningful reply; "Did you?"

Six years had sped their flight since my graduation from college. I was an unmarried physician, located at Valone about five or six miles from S——.

During the first three years of my active practice, I several times met Christie Palmer. One of these occasions was on a Christmas morning in church; after the meeting I spoke to her as I would have to any other stranger; indeed, during the enthusiasm and anxiety incident upon a young man's entrance of his profession, I was oblivious of the

young girl and the present which she had given me, while I was vet a student. Her presence at that morning's service served to bring up the recollection of the little lamp; and during the day I brought it out from a number of other discarded things and placed it upon my As I touched the little office table. treasure, I experienced a peculiar feeling thrilling my frame. I could not help to pity the girl in whose presence I had attempted to appear at my best, and in whom that appearance kindled a flame of tender regard and faithful attachment. But I not only pitied, I felt guilty as well. Each time that I looked upon the lamp a certain reverence and dread struggled for supremacy in my bosom.

The unpleasantness of my situation was soon somewhat relieved. After entering my profession, I did not as many physicians do, forget my duties in the Church. I had promised to go to a neighboring village in the evening to make an address at a Christmas Festival. The fresh, cold air during the drive thither; the smiling faces of the happy children there; and the message of the Saviour's advent, cheered my soul and banished from my imagination every thought of Christie Palmer.

But my peace of mind was short lived. When I returned to my office some hours later, I found that my housekeeper had lit the little *lamp*. The old feeling of fear and awe which the lamp inspired, came over me immediately again. Doggedly I sat down and resigned myself to the situation as well as I could. I tried to make myself believe that Miss Palmer had been hasty in forming an attach-

ment; that she had involved herself in the pool and whirl of Scylla and Charybdis; and that I was far from all censure in the matter. The beats of my heart against my breast were loud, like the ticks of an old bull's eye repeater. In order to silence its dull, thudding sounds, I began to pace up and down my room, attempting at each forward step to think of an appropriate theme for my next contribution to the Valone Spectator, for which I occasionally wrote. In vain; I was in a maze.

It was now midnight.

A deep, sepulchral silence reigned, when suddenly I heard a series of creaking noises in the hall without. I auxiously, fearfully looked toward the door to see a spectre enter.

"Foolish fellow," I mused; "it is your imagination, fired by too many of the delicacies of the season, that prepares the slides of your Phantasmagoria."

It may have been my imagination; and it may be suspected that I exaggerate my feelings, but I do not.

For half an hour I sat lethargic, dumb, without a thought. The silence was stupefying; and in this dull stupidity I was ready to defy an army of ghosts. At length the dreaded monument came. My office door did not open, nor saw I anything enter the room. From the lamp was a thin, white misty vapor rising, within which, dancing upon the heated particles of air, was Christie Palmer. I tried to speak to her; to recall when she had died. I could do neither. I appeared to have lost all control over myself. I felt like one of those fabled personages in the Cave of Tartarus, who are said to be placed beneath an impending mass of rock, which threatens to fall upon them and crush every bone and sinew.

After keenly observing me for a moment the spectre laughingly, mockingly said; "Mr. Harlem, I see that you are surprised at my visit, but I came just to see what you made of Christmas."

Then the form vanished.

So then, conscience, revered monitor of the soul, thou that approvest deeds of love, uprightness, and truth, and upbraidest the heart whose thoughts are evil, at length I have learned a lesson from thee! The time was come at last that I no more should be led in anguish by thee to see my duty with respect to Christie Palmer. Thy mission, as is ever the case, was faithfully performed;

through mazes thou didst lead me into the presence of unhappy spirits, in order that I might "see with my eye only the reward of the wicked." And, I unfeignedly thank the loving Father who placed thee within my bosom, that thou art there?

But, meantime, what became of Christie? For her my concluding words are reserved. According to a resolution, formed immediately after the visionary visit, I called at her house. She received me genteelly, although I could not help seeing that my visit vexed her, and why should it not? My second approach to her heart, nay my first, was met dubiously, with the resources of a mature experience, but set off in bas-relief by an abiding affection, deep and tender!

THE CHRYSANTHEMUM.

In the first cold night of autumn
The dahlia's pride was lost;
The hollyhock's splendor vanished
At the coming of the frost.
Even the brave little pansy
Hides under the leaves that fall,
And not one flower of the summer
Answers the robin's call.

But lo! in the corner yonder,

There's a gleam of white and gold,
The gold of summer sunshine,
The white of winter's cold,
And laden with spicy odors
The autumn breezes come
From the nooks and corners brightened
By the brave chrysanthemum.

Hail to you! beautiful flower,
With royal and dauntless mien
Facing the frosts of winter—
I crown you autumn's queen,
With your gleam of late sweet sunshine,
You brighten the closing year
And keep us thinking of summer
Till the winter we dread is here.

-Eben E. Rexford,



LONG AGO.

Written for the Christmas Muhlenberg, by T. E. Dned, '95.

CHRISTMAS eve had come, and with it, the time for rendering the cantata so long practiced. I shall not forget the sea of faces that should either prattle its approval of our efforts as summer waves murmur on the beach, or roar its scorn at our defeat as winter's billows rage on rock-bound coasts. The general plan of that cantata I have long since forgotten. It is truly wonderful how events will cluster about one central nucleus. So I remember how, when first we sang, as courage answered to success, one swift glance o'er the audience I cast, which transfixed me as if momentarily petrified. There by the door, stood out from all the rest, a face so haggard, so scornful, so impatient, so desperate, that the impress of it has remained in my mind untouched by the wear and tear of years. It was the face of Ralph Corning, one of my classmates at ---- College. Why was he there that Christmas eve? Why had he not gone home to spend a joyful vacation after months of hard study? For he was a good student. I was one of the town-boys, and had not gone near the college buildings since vacation had commenced a week before. The expression of his countenance haunted me. Constantly would my eye wander toward that magnet by the door. But -there was a change. Well do I remember it! How like a veritable angel was pretty Miriam Peterson, as, arraved all in white, she sang in her sweet contralto:

> "Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greatest Son!"

My eyes became glued to the face of Ralph Corning. I would not have been able to do otherwise had I tried. There was such an expression of hopelessness mingled with wild determination on his face, that I feared for his reason. What was the cause? I could not guess. But listen!

"He comes with succor speedy
To those who suffer wrong;"—
a bending forward in breathless eagerness! That was all—

"To help the poor and needy, And bid the weak be strong."

Tears coursed down his cheeks. Eagerly he hung on the words that came from the singer's lips. And then,-I had lost him. They said the cantata was a grand success. I could not have expressed an opinion, for I was not there. Yes, my body was there, but I —I was roaming the streets and peering into the college rooms in a vain search for Ralph Corning. I wrapt my sister in her furs-for Miriam Peterson was sister-and having no desires then for any "sparking," took her home in true brotherly fashion, telling her all about that face.

"Did you see it too, Ted?" she almost demanded. O, it was so awful! Was that the Ralph you so often speak about as being so jolly? Why did he look so terribly to-night?" Then seeing acquiescence to her first, and doubt as to her second question written on my face, she proceeded: "I was trying to sing for effect, when I saw him I forgot my music and all, but that face. Then I sang that verse for him—that verse 'He

comes with succor speedy'—and I thought he cried. I'm sure there's something the matter. Where is he staying during vacation?"

"I don't know, unless in his room in college," I rejoined.

"Ned"—she always called me "Ned" when she wished obedience—"I want you to go to his room to-night yet, and see what's the matter. Perhaps he has had a disagreement with his parents, and —"

"He has no parents; he's an orphan—"
"Poor boy!"

"But his guardian is wealthy."

"I'm sure something's the matter. Go at once, Ned?" she commanded.

As we had now reached our home, and as I had always been accustomed to obey my sister—for I truly loved her —I went.

How cold it was? The wind whistled loudly through the bare trees. The cold stars seemed so compassionless! The very moonbeams seemed beams of frigidity! The river had commenced to put on his Winter coat of ice that day, and the night would increase it materially. As I came to the college door, I was struck with a spasm akin to fear, and a chill of dread rolled down my back as my footsteps reechoed through the halls. Up, to the right, room 50. There it was. I knocked as I noticed a ray of light comeing through the key-hole, and struggling with the darkness. The door opened, and there stood Ralph Corning.

"Hello, Peterson," he grumbled, when he saw who it was. "What in the name of Christopher Columbo brings you here to this unearthly place so late at night?" I turned up the light, for we were always "chummy," and visibly recoiled as I saw his face. So, pale, so careworn, so utterly different from the Ralph Corning of a week before. There was not, however, that desperation I had noticed in the lecture room.

"Huh," he sneered, "You needn't jump away so. I'm no ghost."

Unearthly was his voice, weird his laughter. Again I feared for his reason. Now he talked fast and feverishly as if repeating a tale he had often rehearsed.

"You know, Pete, that I'm an orphan. I was left so five years ago, when father was killed at Gettysburg, bravely fighting under General Hancock, and mother followed in six months. Of brain fever, they said. Of soul fever, I say. Since then, father's property was taken care of by my uncle, his brother, Ralph Corning, whose name I bear. It was a modest little fortune for a fellow like me—a fortune of \$20,000. My uncle insisted on my coming here, and as I naturally enjoy study, I came. When I was out of the way, he went to work, —well, read that."

He drew a soiled letter out of his pocket and threw it into my face, while he, in feverish excitement, paced the room.

"My dear nephew,-

While moving your father's desk this afternoon, I accidently touched a secret spring, which opened a small drawer. There I found a will of your dead father's, dated June 30th, 1840, which gives all his possessions to me. I am aware that he intended to change this will; but, in the absence of any such change, I must claim the property. I will be a

father unto you until you're finished at college. But then you must 'paddle your own canoe.'

> Your loving uncle, Ralph Corning."

"The rascal!" Ralph almost screamed. "You see father was of a roving disposition, and so loved travel. Hence he made his will in 1840 in favor of uncle R- of that man. But when he met Bessie Roberts five years later, and married her, I'm sure he wished to change that will. Why he didn't, I don't know. But the result of it all is that here I'm left without a cent, at twenty years of age, with that confounded fraud of an uncle in possession of my property. He has money of his own, enough of it, and no wife nor children. If he were any sort of a man, he would have torn up that old will without saying a word about it. I've a good notion to give him 'Rough on Rats', and get his property too, for I'm his next of kin. Don't look so shocked. I'm no heathen vet. But goodness knows what I might have done, had I not heard an angel sing for me "He comes with succor speedy, To those who suffer wrong." I was pretty far gone, Pete. I had determined—see that river yonder? A hole in the ice would have said nothing, and I'd have been safe until spring. As I passed your church, I thought I'd again hear some stuff about Christmas-you know it will be on us to-morrow-and then -. That angel saved me. Pete, I'll live my best to be like her."

Imagine me hearing him say that of my sister; "for her sake, I'll live."

Would he think of making love to my sister?

"How cold you have it here," I interrupted; "Can't you have more heat?"

"No, it's vacation, and the steam is shut off. I've kept warm as toast on my overcoat, and my precious uncle's letter."

"Ralph, you must go home with me the rest of vacation. Such a room would kill a horse. Come!"

I seized his arm. Together we went out into the night. Not a word was spoken. Not a look exchanged. Thoughtfully we wended our way homeward; he thinking of his uncle's coldhearted letter; I, of Ralph's avowals concerning my sister. It was pity already on her part. Would the natural course of events bring on love? Ralph was a generous whole-souled fellow, terrible if aroused, but quickly repentant. Miriam was a lovely and lovable sister-a fine jewel in a small case. Would Ralph discover it? That was not the question. Could I let him positively suffer those cold weeks of Christmas vacation? No; Ralph had a friend still. The door we reached. In we went.

"Hello, Mirie," I called in the pleasantest tone I could command.

The sound of flying feet heralded her coming. She stopped short, entirely becoming an interrogation point.

"This is Mr. Ralph Corning, my chum, sister. Ralph, my sister Miriam."

He bowed in his own unapproachable, gentlemanly way, while her head was nodded in the manner of a queen.

"Ralph has at last consented to spend the holidays with me, and we'll chum it in very truth. Beware of our tricks."

"Your brother is never naughty," said he, "save in my company. So have a care."

"You're giving yourself too much credit, young man," I re-joined.

"Indeed Ted is about the worst plague out," she interposed, adding in an aside, "but a dear one."

"Hear! Hear!"

"Stop your nonsense," said I, "and come to see my parents."

The evening soon passed, Ralph forgetting his sorrow, and Mirie doing her best to have him cheerful instead of gloomy as she had seen him in church. We retired directly, while Ralph was strangely silent as soon as we left the He was still thinking of his wrongs - I, of my sister. Morning came, and while Ralph was making his toilet, I told my sister all his story. To the breakfast table we went, and then came our usual Christmas presents, valued truly only for the love which gave. There was a bottle of cologne by the side of Ralph's plate, "From your friends" was on the card by its side. knew afterwards that I had been partly robbed so that he should not feel as a stranger. After breakfast, which was constantly enlivened by his humorous remarks, Ralph went into the library, while I lingered slightly to talk with As I drew near the library door, I heard this dialogue: "I knew you were troubled. I know the reason. Mr. Corning, will you not this Christmas day let the Christ-child into your heart-home?

> "He came with succor speedy To those who suffer wrong; To give them songs for sighing, The darkness turn to light."

Let the Christ-child be your sun to illumine your soul and drive out the sadness. He came to the poor and needy, the sick and suffering, the despised and oppressed. He comes to you to-day. Let Him in!"

I was astonished. Of all things Ralph hated, religious subjects were the worst. And yet my ears caught this sentence:

"Miss Peterson, I can only try. But if that Christ-child will help, he has my consent, my wish, my heartfelt desire." That was the last thing I ever expected Ralph would say. But, tell me, did you ever see anyone truly in love, who would not obey the slightest wish of the adored one? And especially, too, if he were not sure of her love?

Shortly afterward, I entered the library. He was alone—but so changed.

"I feel much better, Pete, since you brought me here. If I am wronged, I need not wrong in return. I will 'paddle my own canoe,' the Christchild helping me. Pete, I'll tell others the story of his love for me."

Would wonders never cease? Ralph, the scornful, the sneering, the sceptical, Ralph become a minister of the gospel of the Christ-child!

I fear, children, I have given you a long story already. Your old uncle of 55 years needn't tell you any more. You know how your great-uncle died that same day, and Ralph received that inheritance after all. Fun we had after that. Perhaps I'll tell you of it some other time. But on this Christmas day, learn from the example of your own mother, pretty Miriam Peterson—no, Corning—to do good wherever you can.

"Mirie, come and take your youngest. He's too handsome, too much like you to stay with his uncle Ted. He prefers Ralph, even to me."

ALUMNI NOTES.

- '70. Rev. J. J. Kuntz, who for a number of years has so faithfully and successfully served the Conyngham, Pa., charge, has accepted a call to Freeland, Pa., where his work, no doubt, will mark a new era in the history of that congregation.
- '80. Rev. James F. Beates, of Salt Lake City, made a very favorable impression in the east by the very able and interesting manner in which he presented the needs of the Lutheran cause in Utah.
- '82. November 26, Rev. E. H. Smoll, pastor of the Schuylkill Haven charge, dedicated a large new bell placed in the Jerusalem Church. His excellent work is bearing fruit.
- '83. As a proof of the activity of Rev. J. O. Schlenker, of Christ Lutheran Church, Hazleton, Pa., we report the reopening of a freshly frescoed church and the organization of two very successful missions within the bounds of his congregation.
- '86. Rev. A. Grant Loder is now studying medicine in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.
- '86. George A. Prediger, Esq., of Pittsfield, Mass., one of the rising young lawyers of that city, concluded that in all of the Bay State, noted for its culture, there was none of the fair sex that filled his ideal of what his wife must be, so he came to solid old Pennsylvania for his helpmeet. He found her in the person of Miss Laura M. Butz, daughter of Mr. Reuben D. Butz, of this city. This afternoon, at the residence of the
- bride's parents, Hamilton street above Tenth, they were married. It was a quiet wedding, the Rev. Dr. Wagner, of St. John's Reformed Church, performing the ceremony. After a short season devoted to congratulations and refreshments the bridal party left for Philadelphia and will thence extend their tour and take up their residence at Pittsfield. The bride is a most estimable young lady, a graduate of the Allentown College for Women and endowed with many graces of heart and mind. Mr. Prediger graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1886 with second honor and the philosophical oration. Later he pursued a course in the Boston University Law School, graduating therefrom in 1888. On July 6th of the same year he was admitted to the bar and is now engaged in the practice of his profession. He is a young man of high repute and an excellent mind and before many years he will have attained a high rank in his calling. Both the bride and groom are to be congratulated on the choice each has made and that their wedded career may be happy and prosperous is the sincere wish of their many friends.-Chronicle and News.
- '88. Rev. W. F. Bond, the faithful young pastor of Tower City, Pa., is meeting with great success in his first field of labor. He has been elected the first secretary of the new Pottsville Conference.
- '89. Rev. John W. Horine was recently married to Miss Laurent, of Germantown, Pa.

'90. Rev. J. C. Rausch, the energetic pastor of Audenried and West Hazleton, Pa., is building two new churches.

'90. As a sign of prosperity, Evan B. Lewis, Esq., has moved his law offices to more commodious quarters at 1001 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa. We congratulate him on his deserved success.

'90. Ira E. Seidle is now in the second year of the University of Pennsylvania Law School and has registered in the office of his classmate, E. B. Lewis, Esq.

The residence of Hon. W. K. Ruhe, No. 743 Walnut street, was the scene of a brilliant wedding, last evening, the contracting parties being his daughter, Miss Adeline L. Ruhe and Dr. Alfred J. Yost, Coroner-elect and son of Dr. M. L. Yost, of Salisbury. The wedding took place at 6 o'clock and the rooms were crowded with guests from home and abroad. At the appointed time the Mendelssohn wedding march was played by F. Lehman Ruhe's orchestra and the bridal party entered the parlor, where the Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, stood to pronounce the words that were to make them hus-The bride was band and wife. dressed in a white crepe dress, en train, and carried a bouquet of bridal She was attended by Miss Bella G. Krause, who was dressed in a corn-colored crepe dress and carried a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums. The groomsman was Dr. Henry D. Jump, Demonstrator of Physiology

in the University of Pennsylvania. As the reverend gentleman spoke the words which made them one for weal or woe, the scene was a beautiful and impressive one. The parlors were handsomely decorated with potted plants, flowers and smilax. ushers were Mark Ruhe, brother of bride; George Siegfried, of Philadelphia; Harry Keim, of Catasauqua, and Robert Ueberroth, of Catasauqua. After the ceremony a reception took place. The caterer was Francis S. Mertz, assisted by the waiters of the American Hotel. After the reception the couple proceeded to their newly furnished home at No. 122 South Sixth street, where they will reside in the future. Guests were present from the Bethlehems, Catasauqua, Mauch Chunk, Philadelphia, Coopersburg, Mountainville, Wilkes-Barre, Freeport, Ill.; Quakertown, New York and other places. The wedding presents were numerous and costly. The young couple have our best wishes in their new career. May the sunshine of prosperity and happiness ever lighten their path through life.—Chronicle and News.

'93. Charles E. Roos is now a member of the Faculty of the Southern University at New Orleans, La., an institution supported by the state and national governments for the preparation of colored teachers. He has plenty of work and gets \$80 a month. His address is 768 Prytania street, New Orleans, La.



SNOW FLAKES.

As fall the silent snow flakes, their united numbers becoming great factors in this world, so doth the diligent student increase his store of knowledge—Christmas examinations are rapidly approaching.

The following officers were elected in the Sophronian Literary Society: President, F. Wackernagel, '94; Vice President, L. Lazarus, '95; Clerk, J. Schindel, '96; Corresponding Secretary, Lawfer, '97; Treasurer, J. Snyder, '96; Assistant Librarian, Heldt, '97; Budget, Yetter, '96; Critics, A. Heyl, '94, and I Erdman, '94; Chaplain, David Miller, '94.

The Senior Class has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, I. T. Erdman; Vice President, E. S. Woodring; Secretary, W. U. Kistler; Treasurer, M. W. Gross.

The College Glee Club has been fully organized for the ensuing year, and we are assured from its bright outlook that this year's work will surpass last year's in many ways. The officers are: Instructor, H. C. Kline, '94; President, J. W. H. Heintz, '94; Secretary, W. J. Snyder, '95; Business Manager, M. L. Trexler, '94. The club has several engagements in view for the near future.

The Augsburg Society was reorganized on Friday evening, November 24, for the coming year, with Dr. Wackernagel as instructor. There were quite a number of students present, who took an active interest in the lecture and discussions of the evening. The object of the society is to discuss the Augsburg Confession.

The second division Preps and the High School boys played an interesting game of football on the college campus the other Saturday afternoon. The score was 18—10, in favor of the Preps.

The Senior Class has appointed a committee of three to determine the feasibility of holding class day exercises. The committee consists of J. W. H. Heintz, D. A. Miller and M. L. Trexler.

Thanksgiving Day was quite a feast day in town. Besides the proverbial turkey, were dished up all classes of music, from piano solos to full choruses. We have the unadulterated pleasure and pride of chronicling that Joseph H. Stopp, '95, won the prize as having rendered "Pasquinade," a piano solo by Gottshalk, in the best manner at the Eisteddfod held in town on Thanksgiving Day. The adjudicator had naught but words of praise for Mr. Stopp's rendition, and that young gentleman can justly feel proud of the honor acquired. Many of our boys took part in the mixed chorus called the Allentown Choral Union, which won the grand \$300 prize for the best rendition of Mendelssohn's "O, great is the depth."

KLINE, '94, sang before the Luther Union of Salem's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem.

HEINTZ, '94, delivered an address before St. Michael's Missionary Society at the December meeting.

WE ARE glad to see GOLD, '97, in our midst again. He was unable to return earlier in the term on account of sickness.

PERSONALS.

FACULTY.

DR. SEIP delivered an address June 12th, on the subject: "What does it mean to be a Lutheran?" before the Young People's Lutheran Association of Philadelphia in Zion's Luth. Church. So well was it received, that the Association requested our worthy president to allow them to publish it in pamphlet form. It would be a source of information, as well as entertainment, if the young people of our Lutheran congregations could read that address.

DRS. SEIP, ETTINGER and BAUMAN attended a meeting of College Presidents and Professors of the Middle States and Maryland at Columbia College, N.Y., on Friday and Saturday of the week ending December 2d.

DR. WACKERNAGEL officiated at the re-dedication of St. John's Luth. church of East Mauch Chunk, on Sunday, Dec. 3d. This was the Doctor's field of labor before he accepted the position as professor at the college.

DR. WACKERNAGEL delivered his lecturé on "Jerusalem and The Holy Land" in St. Luke's church, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 5th.

MT. AIRY LUTH. THEO. SEM., Nov. 18, 1893.

At a meeting of the class of '96, the following resolutions were adopted on the death of Mr. P. P. RODENBERGER:

Whereas, Almighty God in his omniscience, has seen fit to remove from our midst, our beloved classmate, Preston P. Rodenberger, be it

Resolved, That we, as a class, do hereby express our deep regret, and do ex-

STUDENTS.

LENTZ '95, who was taken sick very suddenly, left for home. We are glad to hear that he has greatly improved; yet he does not expect to return before the opening of next term.

ALTHOUGH we are not allowed to have a Foot Ball Team, yet the spirit is here and some of the boys understand the game thoroughly. This was proven by the fact that Heyl '94 was chosen as referee of the Allentown-Easton game, at Allentown, on Thanksgiving-day.

IT GAVE us great pleasure to see our fellow-student, Thrall '97, about again. After a lapse of several months he intends to resume his studies.

FRED. WERTZ, formerly a member of the class of '94, now a student at Dickinson College, visited friends here.

GABLE '95 and SCHMIDT '95, who had been suspended for "ducking" Mohr '96, have resumed their regular college work.

AT THE open meeting of the Young People's Guild, of St. John's Refoformed Church, of this city, DRUCKERMILLER, '94, rendered a tenor solo.

tend to his bereaved parents and friends, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That by his death we lose an earnest, studious and fellow-worker in Christ.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the parents of the deceased, to The Lutheran and to The MUHLENBERG.

JOSHUA MILLER, R. A. HELMS, Jr., A. B. McIntosh.

IN A LITERARY VEIN.

The busy author of to-day knows but little leisure in his life-time. problem which is ever rising before him is whether he can make enough out of his literature to have a decent living. The majority of authors, in order to make a living, must write under a constant pressure and this does not always produce the best work. Even when they are not actually writing their minds must be on the alert for new scenes and happenings for future articles. Thus the brain is at work all the time. So it is difficult to find an author at ease. But it is an admitted fact that the best literary work is done when the writer need not consider the length of time it takes or when it must be finished, but merely the work before him. Thus Mr. Frank Stockton, the author of "Rudder Grange," during the months of a quiet life in England, wrote his "Somona," which no doubt will be considered even superior to "Rudder Grange" in its humorous interest.

The Werner Company, of Chicago, is publishing in weekly numbers a report of the Proceedings of the World's Parliament of Religions held in Chicago in the Memorial Art Palace under the auspices of the World's Columbian Exposition. The addresses are complete and verbatim, and are illustrated with portraits of one hundred of the principal delegates and speakers. There are to be eleven parts, and the entire series cost but \$1 postpaid.

The "Cliff Dwellers," which was published as a serial in Harper's Weekly, can now be procured in book

form. It treats of life in one of the many buildings in Chicago, and includes bankers, capitalists, brokers, lawyers, engineers, janitors and a host of other people found in buildings which are used as offices. It is a book which should be read by every one.

Hubert Howe Bancroft is at present editing a work which promises to be of the utmost value. The editor is already known to fame. The work is called "The Book of the Fair," and is a historical and descriptive presentation of the world's science, art and industry as viewed through the Columbian Exposition at Chicago. The illustrations are numerous and artistic, and the text is written with accuracy and fullness. If the work is carried out as begun, it will prove interesting as illustrating an important part of our civilization. The work, when completed, will be an interesting addition to every library.

The face of that erratic, yet brilliant genius—the author of wierd romances, Edgar Allen Poe, has been described by Thomas Wentworth Higginson as one "likely to rivet attention, yet a face that no one would feel safe in loving."

"The Boy Travelers in Southern Eurape" has been written by Thomas W. Knox. It relates the adventures of two boys in a journey through Italy, Southern France and Spain, with visits to Gibralter and the islands of Sicily and Malta. No better guide book to these famous places could any tourist take with him, and no books better refresh the memory of those who already made the journey.



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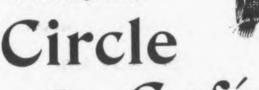
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EDITORIALS.

NOTHER year has past. Nothing is left of it but our remembrances. The present month of January, so named after the Latin deity Janus, being represented as having two faces looking in opposite directions, is especially significant of this time of retrospection and prospection. When we look back over the past year, we recall the follies and errors that we have committed. How many opportunities have we neglected and how sparingly have we made use of our abilities! How much we have attempted and yet accomplished so little! No matter how assiduously you may have worked during the past year in your chosen vocation, there is nevertheless room for improvement and correction. To no one is the fact more applicable than to the student. If he will but pause and take a short retrospective glance over his past year's record, its pages will be found considerably blurred - inattention and indifference in class room, work in general shirked, an injudicious use of spare moments, not the proper application for the thorough mastery of subjects in the prescribed course, are a very few of the many mistakes that tell the tale. Although we have not

performed our duties as faithfully as we might have, yet there is no need of repining. We should profit by our experience, our best teacher though often an expensive one, and formulate new plans for the execution of our labors during the coming year. May the new resolutions of a better life not grow fainter as the year grows older; for real happiness can only be found in contentment and the sweet consciousness of having done one's duty.

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OUR duties have come to an end. The editorial labors of the present Anxiously staff have been completed. as we awaited the expiration of our term of office, we yet reluctantly surrender the style and scissors to our successors and entrust to their care the interests of THE MUHLENBERG. Although we received little glory and no compensation for our work, and not unfrequently were compelled to hear a large amount of fault-finding, yet we feel that the experience gained from our feeble efforts at journalism were not invaluable. It impresses the student with the fact that a responsibility is resting upon him and that he dare not disappoint those who imposed sufficient confidence in him as to raise him to the office. We have striven to keep our journal on a level with that of other colleges and have endeavored to cater to the tastes of our various readers. It is for you, kind reader, to judge whether we were successful or not. We also extend a hearty thanks to our associate editors for the faithfulness with which they performed their duties, and to our contributors we offer our gratitude for the literary articles which have appeared in our columns. The journal has been very fortunate in having good and active business managers so that the financial condition was never better than at present.

We wish the new staff abundant success. Although our official relations with The Muhlenberg have been severed, we will ever be solicitous of its welfare, and hope that it may continue in its prosperous condition.

THE CURSE OF IGNORANCE.

The faculties of knowledge, reason, judgment and voluntary determination distinguish us from the beasts that perish. They constitute the true dignity of our nature. The favorite saying of Sir William Hamilton was that "There is nothing truly great on earth but man, and there is nothing truly great in man but mind." But faculties are of little value until they are brought into exercise and directed to their proper objects. They are like the seed cast upon the wayside, which, though it contains the potential elements of the future plant, and possesses the faculty of vegetation exists without end and without use, and must be cast into the earth, "moistened by the fatness of the clouds," invigorated by the rays of the sun, and fostered by the assiduous care of the husbandmen before it can bring forth fruit, yield its increase and answer its designed purpose in the autonomy of the cosmos.

So it is with man. Instruction is to him what cultivation is to the plant; and when he is deprived of its aid, his powers either remain wholly dormant, or their existence, like the produce of the uncultivated plant of nature is wild and worthless. Life is spent in a vacant stupidity or distracted by the ebullitious of a heated and irregular imagina-Judgment is perverted by prejudices, and reason subjected to vicious affections. The conduct which ought to have been the result of judgment and prudence is impelled by whim and appetite, and he whose powers, had they been rightly improved, would have allied him to the angels of light and stamped upon his nature the image of God is reduced to a situation little superior to the irrational part of creation—the subject of instinct and the slave of passion.

Ignorance destroys the usefulness of "Knowledge is power," and the pearl of wisdom is to be prized above purple robes and jeweled diadems of kings. The comforts and conveniences of life, useful arts, salutary laws, good government and the transcedent glories of art and literature, are all primarily the products of knowledge. Indeed knowledge constitutes the whole difference between savage and civilized society; for to the improvement of the mind, all nations and individuals have owed the improvement and exaltation in their condition. A Shakespeare, a Michael Angelo, a Beethoven on the one hand, and the Kaffir and Hottentot of South Africa, on the other, represent the antipodes, the zenith and nadir of human kind.

Ignorance is the negative of everything good and useful. It is the darkness of night in which the man slumbers away an unprofitable and miserable existence—it is the ancient darkness of Cimmeria as contrasted with the quickening light of Hellas, and it is this darkness which the rays of knowledge must disperse and dissipate, ere man will awaken to a true consciousness of his everlasting destiny, and rise to the moral grandeur of noble intellectual achievement.

But ignorance not only renders the members of a community useless to each other, but opposes and frequently triumphs over all the endeavors of humane and enlightened individuals. How often have the salutary measures of the patriotic statesman, the discoveries of the ingenious scientist, and the benevolent institutions of the distinguished philanthropist been rendered futile by popular ignorance and popular prejudice. The despotism of ignorance is of the most imperious nature. Its possession of the human mind at the age of maturity is firm and resisting, and it is only by a species of force that knowledge gains admission.

Again, ignorance is destructive of virtue. In proportion therefore as ignorance prevails in society, virtue is destroyed; in proportion as knowledge is disseminated, virtue will prevail, although it must be remembered there may be knowledge without virtue; witness Pericles and the DeMedicis of history; nevertheless when the doctrines of religious science are generally known, the elements and materials of virtue are proportionally distributed, and by zeal and assidnity, accompanied by the blessing of God, virtue itself may be produced. In this case we labor in hope, but ignorance presents us with nothing but despair.

Ignorant men may possibly be made enthusiasts, certainly they may be made superstitious, but before they can be made rational, steady and consistent Christians, they must be enlightened.

Ignorance is no less destructive of happiness. There is a pleasure in knowledge of a kind more pure and elevated than can possibly be found in any of the gratifications of sense and for which the latter are but poor and unworthy substitutes. Ignorance is a

state, cold and cheerless in which the finer feelings of the human soul are locked up, and man is deprived of the enjoyment which results from their existence and perfection. All the pleasures of the uninformed, if pleasures they may be called, arise only from outward objects, and when they are satiated with these, or deprived of the opportunity of resorting of them, having no mental resources, no power of producing enjoyment from their own thoughts and reflections, they sink into a vacancy and torpor little superior to idiocy itself.

In the mind of many a peasant, whose every moment is bestowed in wringing from the soil a scanty subsistence, these slumber powers which, had they been evolved by early discipline would have elevated their possessor to the first rank of philosophers, and many a mechanic who goes patiently the round of unvaried toil, is unconsciously the owner of faculties, which nursed and expanded by education, would have enabled him to sway parliaments and senates and to win that preeminence which men award to the majesty of genius. There arise occasions whenpeculiar circumstances aiding the development—the pent up talent like mighty Enceladus, struggles loose from the trammels of poverty; and the peasant, through a sudden, mysterious flowering of mind, starts forward to the place for which his intellect has adapted him. But ordinarily the powers remain throughout life dwarfed and torpid, and he therefore forms but a contracted estimate of the amount of high mental endowments who reckons by the proud marbles which cause the

aisles of a cathedral or a Westminster horizon should quickly kindle counter-Abbey to breathe the memory of departed greatness and never thinks when walking the village churchyard with its rude memorials of the fathers of the hamlet that possibly there sleeps beneath his feet "Some heart once pregnant with celestial fire"-one who had knowledge unfolded to his eves "her ample page," might have scanned the firmament with a Newton's vision and swept with Milton's hand, the harpstrings.

But while some have been born in darkness, they have always dwelt there from choice; it is their native land; for it they fight, and it is the only sense in which they are patriotic. This is natural, but they and all like them, who fear the effulgence bursting up the

fires and educate! Let us not leave the mass of mind grow ignorant and corrupt, and afterwards attempt coercively to bind it. Xerxes may as well expect to chain the vexed Hellespont in peace. Moral power creates the strongest munitions of safety while arbitrary compulsion degrades both the tyrant and the victim. We may expect a few to cry out against increased illumination, as that which they deprecate, shames bigotry, cures superstiotion and destroys all tyranny over body and soul. "Let there be light!" is the onimpotent fiat that is still forever sounding down the mighty ages.

"Ignorance is the curse of God," "Knowledge the wing wherewith we fly to heaven."

YOU AND I.

The winter wind is wailing, sad and low, Across the lake and through the rustling sedge :

The splendor of the golden after-glow Gleans through the blackness of the great yew hedge;

And this I read on earth and in the sky-We ought to be together, You and I.

Rapt through its rosy changes into dark, Fades all the west; and through the shadowy trees.

And in the silent uplands of the park, Creeps the soft sighing of the rising breeze: It does but echo to my weary sigh-

We ought to be together, You and I.

My hand is lonely for your clasping, dear, My ear is tired, waiting for your call;

I want your strength to help, your laugh to cheer; Heart, soul and senses need you, one and all, I droop without your full, frank sympathy-We ought to be together, You and I.

We want each other so, to comprehend The dream, the hope, things planned or seen, or wrought :

Companion, comforter and guide, and friend, As much as love asks love, does thought need thought,

Life is so short, so fast the lone hours fly-We ought to be together, You and I.

-. Inon.

TITUS MACCIUS PLANTUS.

BY L. D. G., '95,

"Had the Muses wished to speak Latin," quotes Varro from Aelius Stilo, "they would have spoken in the language of Plautus." He to whom this high praise is accorded, is the very oldest Roman writer known to moderns by any complete work remaining from his

Titus Maccius Plautus lived hands. during the second Punic War before the theatre was established at Rome. His contemporaries were Livius Andronicus, the renowned Ennius and the illustrious Hannibal.

Plautus was a very prolific writer.

Upwards of one hundred and thirty plays attest to this—written not always for the stage, but also for the reading public. Of these only twenty have come down to us. A few months ago in New York, the students of the R. C. College of St. Xavier performed one of the best of the plays of Plautus—"The Captives." The acting by the students received great commendation from Mgr. Satolli, but aside from this fact, it attests to the wonderful vitality of his comedies that they are received favorably by so exacting critics as an American audience.

Lessing, the great German critic, pronounces "The Captives" to be the finest comedy ever produced upon the stage. To gain a fine picture of the times of Plautus read his Poenulus, "The Young Cartlaginian." In this play is found that celebrated philological curiosity—a fifteen line passage purporting to be in the Carthaginian tongue; if so, it is the only extant remains of that once glorious natiou's speech. It begins thus: *Yshalonim*, vualonuth, si chorathisima comsyth, etc.

Plautus is essentially Greek in his style of writing—that is in his use of Greek idioms to express strictly Latin ideas. He might easily have been mistaken for a Greek were it not that he so faithfully represented Roman manners. His characters are founded on Greek models but act, speak and joke like Romans. Still he is by no means disinclined to acknowledge his debt to the Grecian masters, but boldly offers his acknowledgments especially to the Greek Menander. The latter may account himself happy in having so eminent a translator—plagiarist, if you

will—as his own works have come down to us only in the fragments borrowed by Plautus and Terence.

Although no native, Roman, Plautus enjoyed great popularity down to the latest days of the Empire, while the purity of his language and the felicity of his wit have been celebrated by ancient critics. He excelled in his masterly handling of the language and the adjusting of the parts to dramatic effect. Plautus wrote for the multitude. His humor is therefore broad and fresh, and produces irresistible comic effects. No one ever surpassed him in his vocabulary of nicknames and his happy jokes. He delighted in noisy dialogue and slang expressions.

We now come to the most important question in this essay. What effect did the writings of Plautus have upon (1) the times and morals of his own day and (2) upon us in modern times? Considering the second question first, we find that modern dramatists owe much to him. Moliere has imitated him in his "Avare" and Shakspeare in his "Comedy of Errors." Plautus may justly be charged with immorality. His plays had exactly the same effect upon the old Roman vigor and manliness (virtus) that, in our days, the latest French dramas have upon the English morals by reason of their licentiousness.

Yet Plautus portrays to us with inimitable skill the manners and customs of his day, and lays open to us the innerrottenness of the Roman state on account of the corrupting Greek influence just then making its appearance. Still Plautus cares not to amend his audience but only to amuse them; the practical tendency of his plays was to deprave the moral tone of the Roman character.

In conclusion it might be observed that Plautus is eminently quotable: Quem di diligunt adolescens moritur, which Byron fittingly translates, "Whom the gods love, die early," we find in Plautus who, however, borrowed the sentiment from the Greek Menander.

OLLA PODRIDA.

Write in our hearts that every day is the best day of the year.—*Emerson*.

It is the telescope which lens enchantment to the distant view.—Lowell Courier.

A wise man can see all there is in a fool's head every time he opens his mouth.—*Ram's Horn*.

Flattery is an encouragement to a fellow to go ahead and make a fool of himself.—Atlanta Constitution.

Cheerfulness is also an excellent wearing quality. It has been called the bright weather of the heart.—*Samuel Smiles*.

Walk humbly and hug the pavement with your feet. "Pride goeth before a fall" after a snowstorm.

He.—How is it, do you suppose, that short men are usually funny?

She.—Why, brevity's the soul of wit."
—Harvard Lampoon.

Ah, world, unknown, how charming is thy view.

Thy pleasures many, and each pleasure new.

Ah, world experienced, what of thee is old?

How few thy pleasures, and those few, how old. — Crabbe.

The Professor.-Mr. Quarterback, in

the equation before us what does X into 9 plus A B equal?

Mr. Quarterback (whose thoughts have been wandering.)—Er—a flying 'V.'—Chicago Record.

A singular ship is the Polyphemus, of the British navy. It is simply a long steel tube, deeply buried in the water, the deck rising only four feet above the sea. It carries no mast or sails, and is used as a ram and torpedo boat.

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Greatness and goodness are not means, but ends!

Hath he not always treasures, always friends.

The good, great man! Three treasures—love and light,

And calm thoughts, regular as infants' breath;

And three firm friends, more sure than day and night—

Himself, his Maker, and the angel —Coleridge,

The Chinese are said to have been the originators of visiting cards. So long ago as the period of the Tang dynasty (619-907) visiting cards were known to have been in use in China. From ancient times to the present day the Chinese have observed the strictest ceremony with regard to the paying of visits. The cards which they use for this purpose are large and of a bright red color.

The house wherein Poe wrote "The Raven" is still to be seen in New York, a few hundred feet from the corner of Eighty-fourth street and the St. Nicholas Boulevard, formerly the Bloomingdale road. "It is a plain, old-fashioned, double-framed dwelling, two stories high, with light windows on each side and one at each gable. It has a pointed roof, flanked by two tall brick chimneys."

The oak is a historic wood. As early as the eleventh century it became the favorite wood of civilized Europe, and specimens of carving and interior finish have come down to us from that early day, their pristine beauty enhanced by the subduing finger of time. The early

colonists brought with them to the shores of America their love for this wood, and here, too, the oak acquired historical interest.—*Hardwood*.

A writer has discovered that very few novelists started life as story writers. He says that Robert Louis Stevenson was an engineer and then a lawyer, Walter Besant was a college professor, Grant Allen was a teacher, J. M. Barrie was a journalist, and so were Black, Farjeon, Kipling and Murray. Hardy and Caine were architects. Jerome K. Jerome was a clerk. Conan Doyle was a doctor. Bret Harte was in turn miner, printer, teacher, secretary and journalist.

Counterfeits and forgeries abound in every department of archæology. Spurious manuscripts, inscriptions, gems, pottery, glass, enamels, ivories, coins, weapons, implements and armaments have each and all been foisted on collectors at different times and in various Within the present year numerous "autograph" letters of Burns and Scott formed the subject of a criminal prosecution at Edinburgh. fabrication of lapidary inscriptions began some four centuries ago, and fictitious inscriptions are still occasionally scratched on genuine Roman sepulchral urns .- Pall Mall Gazette.

A SEA SKETCH.

The ship sails out from the silver shore, And the sky is blue where the sea gulls sweep,

While the waves are crooning o'er and o'er

A low, sweet song to the listening deep— And the morn bids fair for the dawning day And the ship that darts away, away.

Hush! See the storm-god gathers his cloak,
And mounts the sky whence the blue clouds flow

And mounts the sky whence the blue clouds fice, And the ocean leaps from its galling yoke,

And moans and falls in its misery—
And the night descends on the storm-god's path
As the lightnings dart and the thunder's
wrath,

And far, far out where the darkened sky
Bends down and kisses the angry deep,
A blood-red flash runs low and high,
And flings the ship into white relief—
God of the ocean and the storm,
Keep the frail thing from hurt and harm.

How unto life! The storm is dead,
The moonlight floods its glory o'er
The stars, that numberless are spread
As silver sands upon the shore,
Sweet peace! whose hand controls the sea,
Shall guard the ship, and you and me.

-Mattie Bonner.

EXCHANGES.

We welcome among our list the *College Folio* from the Allentown College for Women. The first issue of Vol. I presents a handsome appearance. It contains many articles of interest, "jewels fair and rare." The journal is a credit to the dear old *clover nook*.

They will have their hair cut.

Now the season is over, barbers will busy be,

Curtailing the hirsute appendage of every college

"gee."

Chrysanthemum locks will be slaughtered, like men the boys will appear;

No more rushing, or massing, or kicking, and they needn't "interfere." —Ex.

The Christmas number of the Hamilton College Monthly has entered our sanctum. The new cover is very neat and attractive; a very gem in itself. It is a well prepared number, and reflects great credit on the young ladies who constitute the editorial staff. It contains a variety of articles well written.

The *Thielensian* for December was very attractive owing to the illustrations of the society halls, as well as its short literary articles.

A COMPLETED FLOWER.

Her face was like a rose bud,

Kissed by the dew of morn;
But now that we are married,

Her tongue doth prove the thorn.

The rose and thorn may perish,

But I really do believe,

I'll complete this little flower

By giving her the lea(f)ve.

—Dickinsonian.

The Bucknell Mirror for the Christmas season contains some good editorials. The only thing to find fault with is the shortness of their literary articles. Oliver Wendell Holmes is as bright as a new silver dollar at 84. Neal Dow is as full of fight as ever at 90. Henry W. Longfellow, on the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation at Bowdoin College, wrote:

Cato learned Greek at eighty. Sophocles Wrote his grand Aedipus, and Simonides Bore off the prize of verse from his compeers When each had numbered more than four score.

Goethe completed Faust when over eighty. The ophrastus began at ninety his work on "The Characters of Men." -Ex.

Then here's to merry ninety-four,
May they always have prosperity.
And may the fame of their career,
Be handed down to posterity.
With a hundred good wishes less or more,
I'll end with "Success to Ninety-four!"
—Bucknett Mirror.

Buff and Blue for December has a variety of articles neatly written, and in a style which is pre-eminently suited to the taste of all college students. "The Brightest Graduates," an article of exceptional interest, especially owing to its close sympathy with the graduates from the school for the deaf. True, as is stated, many bright graduates live and move and have their being entirely among the hearing. They meet no deaf persons, unless casually, from year's end to year's end. Not a few of them have married hearing wives, are rearing hearing children, perform all their duties in connection with the hearing. "A Memory of Summer" is a beautiful treatise on the aesthetical. The writer has beautifully depicted how the silver cloudlets float and fly, drifting gently o'er the sky, in communion with nature's gladsome voice and its eloquent beauty. "The Birthplace of Shakespeare" is worthy of comment.

The Menitou Messenger abounds in interesting articles for the December number. "Lowel" is, as stated, a good article. "Jealousy" is rich and forcible. The writer first depicts its nature, after which he bases his argument upon that jealousy which a person carries in his heart in a clear but condensed way. "Political Immorality" is also a fine article.

The Christmas number of the *Polytechnic* made its appearance in a very showy cover. The design is very neat, printed in gold in unison with the yuletide season. "The use and abuse of lecture notes in instruction" is deserving of special mention.

The Buchtelite Weekly contains numerous articles of excellence. "Football and Long Hair," taken from the Frank Leslie's Weekly, is not only ludicrous, but also weighty. The article begins by saying that "it was only a few years ago that men who thought they could paint, or could write verses, or construct plays felt that they were called upon to make themselves conspicuous

by wearing long hair." It continues by referring largely to such as Paderewski and his colleagues, who required more hair than other men, and it continues by saying that "football players have also adopted the flowing locks. And as the football players are the heroes of modern scholastic life, the under-graduates of all the colleges are following the style thus set for them. The fact is that one does not have to look for a theory to explain why football players wear long hair. They do not wear it on account of any theory, but by reason of the hard conditions of their sport. The head plays as important a part in a game of football as it does in the assault of a bucking goat. In saving this we do not allude to the inside of the head, where gray matter is supposed to be stowed, but to the outside of the head—the physical head. This is used variously as a batteringram and as a cushion; sometimes it fells an adversary, sometimes it is sat upon. Long hair serves a doubly good purpose when the head is used in either such ways."

TO A BEER MUG.

Cribbed from the "ke!'er" one evening last fall, Just as the lights were being turned low, Now you hang in my room on the wall, Not to be used, but simply to show. Many a man from our old alma mater Gayly has kissed with his lips your cold brim. Then, too, you never once contained water, But held a half litre of brown malt within. Many a chorus girl lifted you slyly, Peeping coquettishly over the foam, Valuing meanwhile your contents most highly, Never once thinking 'twas time to go home. Then the gay revels in which you've assisted, What, if you on'y could tell all you've seen. But it is better you are not thus gifted, For then what now is-might not have been. -The Red and Blue.

OUR ALUMNI.

- '71. Rev. Hiram Peters, of Norristown, Pa., has accepted a call from Toledo, Ohio. We congratulate the Lutherans of Toledo upon their excellent choice, for we remember the lecture of Rev. Peters in one of our courses as an especially good effort.
- '73. Rev. John Nicum, D. D., Rochester, N. Y., besides doing an immense amount of other work, edits a German missionary paper called *Siloah*.
- '74. After having been a very efficient Prothonotary of Lehigh County for one term, Edwin H. Stine, Esq., has again entered the ranks of the lawyers at Allentown
- '76. Constantine D. Kiehel, Esq., is District Attorney in Rochester, N.Y.
- '76. What do you think? Our first Judge! It is now Judge Meily. As a New Year's gift Governor Pattison appointed Frank E. Meily, Esq., Judge of the new Lebanon Judicial District. Our editorial bonnet is hereby doffed to our first Judge with whom go our best wishes and heartiest congratulations.
- '77. Rev. William J. Miller is very popular in Leechburg, as is proved by the manner in which his people treat him.
- '81. Rev. C. E. Sandt, Freemansburg,

- is a busy man. Besides his regular duties he has had seven funerals in ten days.
- '84. Rev. J. J. Reitz, having been suspended from the Synod of Pennsylvania, has joined an independent body of Lutherans. A part of his people at Cherryville, Pa., goes with him.
- '84. Prof. C. Ernest Wagner, of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., spent the holidays with his parents in Allentown.
- '85. Rev. Frank F. Fry, Bethlehem, is a member of the Calypso Island Sunday School Assembly Committee for 1894.
- '86. We regret to announce the death of the mother of Samuel J. Kistler, Esq., Saegersville, Pa.
- '86. At the recent Republican State Convention J. Jeremiah Snyder, Esq., made a very favorable impression by the able and eloquent manner in which he proposed Hon. James S. Biery's name for the nomination of Congressman-at-large. He was afterwards on the committee to notify the successful candidate, Hon. Galusha Grow, of his nomination.
- '87. Rev. John W. Richard's, wife and "twa bairns," of Lancaster, Pa., spent the New Year holidays in Allentown.



PERSONALS.

FACULTY.

DR. SEIP delivered an address on the subject, "What does it mean to be a Lutheran?" in Trinity Lutheran Church, Lebanon, of which his son, REV. FRANK M. SEIP '87, is pastor.

AT THE Teachers' Local Institute held in South Allentown on Jan. 6, Dr. ETTINGER delivered a lecture on "An Evening with the Dictionary."

DR. GARBER delivered an address at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, of which DR. BAUMAN is pastor.

Dr. Wackernagel was nominated school director for three years by the Democratic voters of the Fifth Ward.

PROF. MERKEL, '92, of the Academic Department, was elected an honorary member of the Sophronian Literary Society.

DR. REPASS was elected president of the Allentown Conference of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

DRS. WACKERNAGEL, REPASS and SPIEKER are members of the Historical Academy of the Lutheran Church, whose special object is the cultivation and promotion of studies in the history of the Lutheran Church in America, and of her missions. The organization was recently established at Baltimore. DR. WACKERNAGEL was elected vice president.

DR. GARBER visited his aged mother and brother, living near Trappe, Mossegomery County, during vacation.

DR. RICHARDS filled the pulpit of St. James Lutheran Church, Reading, on Dec. 17 for DR. M. C. HORINE, who assisted in the installation of his on,

REV. J. H. HORINE, '89, at the Church of Incarnation, Philadelphia.

DR. ETTINGER was appointed a member of the Calypso Sunday School Association.

STUDENTS.

MILTON REINHART, formerly a member of the class of '91, has resumed his studies with the Sophomore class.

H. P. MILLER, '95, was recently elected an artist on the *Ciarla* staff.

J. H. Stopp, '95, has donned the royal purple of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

G. D. DRUCKENMILLER, '94, delivered an address at the Christmas festival of St. Michael's Sunday School.

WE ARE glad to see A. P. LENTZ, '95, in our midst after several months' illness.

H. K. LANTZ, '96, sang at meeting of the Young People's Guild of St. John's Reformed Church held in East Allentown.

C. D. Seaman, '97, has left college for the remainder of the year. He intends to continue with his class again in fall.

A. N. METZGER, '97, was elected vice president of the Young People's Society of the Union Evangelical Church, of this city.

W. F. KLEIN, '96, left college to enter the Moody Institute, Chicago.

SNYDER, E., '95, MILLER, H., '95, KRAMLICH, '96, MILLER, C., '97 and STRUNTZ, '97, have entered the chapel choir. The change in the singing is very marked.

ICICLES.

Locals, at the present time, after a two-weeks' vacation, are as scarce and as earnestly longed for by the wielder of this pen, as are the crystals of King Frost. It seems as if the thoughts, words and deeds of the boys of Muhlenberg have crystallized as much during the past few weeks as has the moisture of the atmosphere—and no more. Locals, then, like icicles, will be largely visions of the future alone.

There is a strange look about our boys. Some are raising feathery down on their faces. Others are strutting about as if they were sole monarchs of all they survey. The hungry look has departed from the countenances of numbers more, who are usually addicted to the customs of a boarding-house with its war-cry: "Hash." The Nestor of '94 explains all these phenomena thusly: The feathery down is the visible result of digesting the "sebaceous follicles" of the turkey. The strut is the result of that bird's walk. The satisfied look is the result of the bird The purpose of this article is to fill space and to state that our boys enjoyed their Christmas turkeys as students only can.

The Christmas festival of St. Stephen's Sunday School, held in St. Michael's Lutheran Church in this city on Sunday, Jan. 7, was a pronounced success. Spacious St. Michael's was "packed"—if that term be allowed—and many who applied for admission were reluctantly turned away. [Our own opinion is that the great drawing card was the fact that Muhlenberg would be well represented! (We're not

egotistical.)] Longaker and Loos, '94, and Becker, '95, addressed the vast audience to the entire satisfaction of that assemblage. "Practice," gentlemen, "makes perfect."

We delight in chronicling the pleasures of others, and in wishing people "God speed." Snyder, W. J., '95, Gold, '97 and Weddigen, '96, were our representatives on Wednesday, Jan. 10, when they assisted in uniting "two hearts that beat as one." The occasion was that of the wedding of Mr. Granville Gold, of Nazareth, (not the one in Galilee,) and Miss Lydia Keller, at the home of the bride, Easton, Pa. Gold, '96, a brother of the groom, was groomsman; and the other two gentlemen mentioned above, were ushers. We cannot join in wishing their barques a pleasant voyage 'midst the gently swelling billows of matrimony's sea (that's too much of a chestnut,) but we wish them a very long and happy married life. (Now, boys, if you want your suicides written up in like fashion, give us timely notice).

We look for a revelation in the art of book-making, as it relates to collegelife, the forthcoming Ciarla, published by our worthy friends of '95. A board of editors, each of whom is giving his best talents to the work assigned to him; two artists who are as full or ideas as the summer is of roses; a business manager, whose marked abilities have given him similar offices in our midst; the originality plainly written in the countenances of '95's men; boldness of ideas and vigor of execution; all of these things are the signs which

cause us to prognosticate the appearance of a first-class *Ciarla*, of which Muhlenberg may well be proud. We hardly suppose the editors will give us a peep at their matter until the *Ciarla* is published. Yet we know that this *Ciarla* will rival, if not eclipse all past offorts. Give '95 all the assistance you can, boys. [We would inform '96 that we will write up their *Ciarla* next year in more glowing terms than these at the regular rates of five cents a line].

The First Ward Mission Sunday School, under the able supervision of Dr. Garber, celebrated its Christmas festival on the evening of Dec. 19. M. L. Trexler, '94 and W. U. Kistler, '94, delivered addresses. The infant school held its exercises in the afternoon. G. D. Druckenmiller, '94, gave an interesting talk to the little ones.

The Senior Class has elected the following officers for this term: President, Heyl; Vice President, Miller, S.; Secretary, Nickel; Treasurer, Heintz.

The Sophronian Literary Society had their motto, "The End Crowns the Work" in Greek characters, finely worked up in oil, and neatly framed to place in their society hall.

The Allentown Oratorio Society supersedes the chorus which took the Eisteddfod prize. Some of our boys belong to the society. Let others possessed of musical abilities, join also, so as to raise Muhlenberg's musical standard. The fact that Dr. Richards is a member of its executive committee should be recommendation enough.

The Euterpean Literary Society elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Woodring, '94; Vice President, Snyder, E., '95; Recording Secretary, Matthews, '96; Treasurer, Behler, '95; Corresponding Secretary, Struntz, '97; Budget Editor, Kistler, C., '95, Critics, Longaker, '94 and Loos, '94.

The following are the officers of the Sophomore Class: President, Schindel; Vice President, Snyder; Secretary, Weaver; Treasurer, Hottenstein.

What does it mean to be a Lutheran? An address delivered before the Young People's Lutheran Association of Philadelphia in Zion' Lutheran Church, June 12, 1893, by Rev. Theodore L. Seip, D. D., President of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. Published by request. This tract of 16 pages gives an excellent answer to the question contained in the title. It is a clear and substantially full statement of which is distinctive in the faith and life of the Lutheran Chnrch. While the treatment is necessarily brief and the argument condensed, the presentation is entirely satisfactory and specially suited to the general reader. It admirably magnifies the Gospel in its completeness as over against the partial and imperfect statements of other Church Confessions. And while giving to the worship its true subordinate place the author emphasizes the rich treasures of science and sacred song which have fallen to In addition to these features the tract is directly practical, urging the duty of the church of our day in the direction of consecrated activity. little treatise deserves more than commendation. It should be extensively circulated and read. - In Lutheran Church Messenger.

COLLEGE WORLD.

Sympathizing subscribers should send substantial succor.—Business Manager, Exchange.

It is said that for 50 years no smoker at Harvard has graduated with honors in his class.

There were sold in one year in the college town of New Haven 25,000,000 cigarettes.

There are seven women in the country who have the degree of LL.D.

Leland Stanford, Jr., University has an enrollment of about 800.

Vassar girls call gum an elective, because one needn't take it unless she chews.

The recitation periods at Yale have changed from one hour to fifty minutes.

The first regular football team in this country was organized at Yale in 1782.

Twelve hours per week is all that is required at Harvard. Students are discouraged by the faculty from taking more.

Ex-President Harrison's lectures at Leland Stanford University will not begin before Feb. 10, continuing until the middle of March. Only a few will be open to the public, the rest will be confined to topics only of interest to the students.—*Ex*.

Logic: Now, Webster says "Buss" is to kiss; therefore "Rebuss" is to kiss again; that "Blunderbuss" is a kiss administered to the wrong person; that "Omnibus" is kissing all the girls in the room, and that the fellow who does it is a regular "Buster."—Ex.

At 124 leading American colleges the highest president's salary is \$10,000; the lowest \$620; the average \$2,015.

The editor of the New York World donated \$1,000 to Princeton to be invested and the interest given as a prize in journalism.

Midland College has just completed a new gymnasium at an expense of \$2,000. The building is of brick and is to be heated throughout with steam.

Chicago University is to have the largest and most powerful telescope in the world. The object glass will be made in Cambridgeport, Mass., and will be 45 inches in diameter. The telescope is a gift of Charles T. Yerker, and will cost a half a million.—Ex.

The State University of Iowa has five societies which are primarily literary, and three which partake of the nature of literary societies. It also supports seven periodicals, three of which are devoted to technical departments.

Prof. Williams, of Johns Hopkins University, says that the practice of hazing at college is an ancient one. He came across an old rule at Heidelberg University, printed in 1430, forbidding the practice of shaving the heads of new students and filling their ears with wax.

Pick up some coins that circulate
In this land of brave and free,
And on the front of every one
A woman's face you'll see.
Some people think it rather strange
That men don't get a show;
To me the reason's very plain,
For money talks, you know.

-Stevens Life.

IN A LITERARY VEIN.

During the past few weeks a number of publications of interest have been given to the public. "The Romance of an Empress" appears. It is translated from the French of Waliszewski. It treats of Katherine II of Russia, and indeed her history can well form a ro-The author says, "This is a romance in which fiction finds no place." He had at his command abundance of material, in the documents published by the Russian Historical Society, and no doubt made good use of it. The book has been prohibited in Russia, which speaks in its favor, for the author candidly writes both of the political and personal history of Katherine II and From a literary point of her reign. view the work cannot be given a high The translator says that it is written in inelegant French. Nevertheless it is a book which no student in in modern history can neglect.

The National Advertising Co., of New York has given out a work called "America's Advertisers." Who they are; Where they are; How they have have developed and What they are doing at the present time." One of the distinctive features of modern business progress is advertising. It may be supposed that in all ages those having goods to sell, made it known in some way or other. It is only in recent times that the best methods of advertising have been studied and the work under taken by experts who have made it an art, if not a science. A large number of books are published intended as guides to advertisers. The volume is confined to general advertising,—that is, to those who advertise outside of their own locality and try to reach those people away from home. The compiler says of Pennsylvania, that although it is the second and most populous state it does not rank in second place from an advertising standpoint. The work is done with accuracy and the volume is of interest and value.

The J. B. Lippincott Company have just published "Early Sketches of George Washington," by Wm. Baker. book is a compilation of the record of Washington as taken from a variety of personal and biographical sketches published during his lifetime. The newspapers in those days were not very enterprising, so that while nearly every one was familiar with the character and history of Washington, very little of what might be called biography was put into print. Whatever there was, Mr. Baker has here gathered together. There are fifteen sketches, some of the most important appearing in England. For a frontispiece, an excellent reproduction of the head of Washington is used.

"The Greek Madonna" by Shelton Chauncey has been widely advertised by the back handed way of ridicule. It is the work of a young clergyman who is an assistant in some New York church. The book is claimed to be too silly to receive much notice. It is a mixture of religious fashionable society, love, politics, English nobility, etc. The work has no plot.



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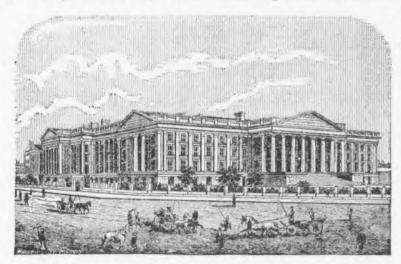
During a portion of last summer it was my pleasant privilege to act in the capacity of a guide to many friends of our old Muhlenberg, who, as weary travellers from a tiresome journey, were returning from America's grandest achievement—The Columbian Exposition. Though worn out from sight-seeing and over-crowded, irregular railroad coaches, running over rough road-beds, no one fails to appreciate the beauty and magnificence of Washington, the seat of one of the youngest, yet most enlightened nations of the civilived world.

WASHINGTON MONUMENT. And now readers, if you will bear with me for a short time, I will endeavor to show you this "City of Magnificent Distances" as it was shown to a number of your acquaintances a few months ago. Though it be with an inadequate pen, yet I trust that you will follow me, and perhaps you may learn something of our National Capital which is not laid down in dull text-books.

In the first place we will assume that all things are favorable to our object in view: that of seeing Washington to the best of advantage. In order to do so we will begin our journey in the month of October, when the skies down here are of the clearest blue, without that dullness so noticeable in the heavy, snowladen clouds of the more northern climes during that month. The city seems to have opened its eyes from the drowsiness of a weary, slumbering summer, and has taken on the activity which usually follows the first approach of the coming winter. The trees, which form long, interesting groves with numerous cross-streets and avenues, have not yet lost their foliage; while fountains in countless parks are still to be seen splashing their bright jets of sparkling water into large basins filled with pretty pond lillies in all the glory of the colors of the American flag. Imagine a city with a park within a few blocks of you wherever you may be, where the wearied sight-seer may rest his

plodding bones on comfortable settees and lose himself in the beauties of his surroundings; with beautiful buildings occupied by our Federal Government, any one of which is so large as to cover the area of an entire block in your city; this is Washington. Can any other city boast of so much grandeur, all of it open absolutely free to the public? But I must hasten on to show you through some of the buildings which stand unrivalled in point of beauty and structural symmetry.

Suppose we begin with the U.S. Treasury, which stands just opposite our hotel, (we will say "our" although neither of us are dwellers in that particular



UNITED STATES TREASURY.

house, yet we must have a starting point, and some place to return for rest and quiet after the fatigues of the day.)

In our course through college, we have learned of those most wonderful of ancient buildings, the Pantheon, that temple of all the Gods, where the combined nations of Hellas were accustomed to worship; the temples of Minerva and of

Diana, or that temple wherein sat the Delphian Oracle over sombre clouds of smoke, supposed by the heathen to have been the very breath of their Gods. They must have been structures worthy of all the praise which was bestowed upon them by the writers of those times whose works have come down to us, yet I fancy that if those very people were to be mysteriously transferred from the shades of the departed and suddenly placed in Washington, they would instinctively run to our Treasury building and fall upon their knees in adoration to their deity for in outward appearance this building of ours, erected in modern times, very closely resembles the temples of the ancient world, showing that we have not lost the idea of beauty, which is, and always has been embodied in purest simplicity. The very columns which supported the Greecian temples, and the many broad steps leading up to them, all hewn from stone, are reproduced, and what was then thought to be the most beautiful work of the architect's art, is to-day admired by every person who visits Washington. The difference, however, between the two buildings is in the interior, where perhaps, the Greecian was a little ahead of us, for instead of a great golden statue of Olympian Jupiter, we have long tessellated corridors, flanked on either side by offices for the transaction of our financial requirements. In this building are employed more than fifteen hundred people, many of them working behind barred doors, which are carefully locked, and behind which no stranger dare enter. Fancy earning your living in such a prison, yet many men and women support themselves in this manner. In this building is also located

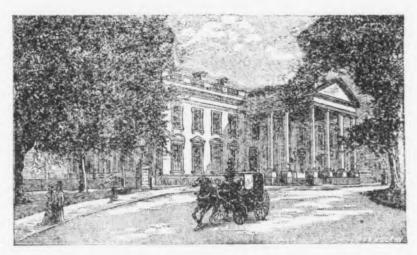
perhaps the largest silver vault in the world. Far down in the cellar, some distance below the level of the street it has been placed. In extent it covers an area of about thirty by ninety feet, and about twenty feet in height. This is the silver vault in which are stored silver dollars in boxes containing about one thousand dollars each, and it is packed from the bottom to the very top. Just think of all that amount of wealth, standing, it seems, uselessly idle, not a cent of which can be touched, at least while we have silver certificates in circulation, for this coined silver is there as security for the paper notes issued for mercantile purposes and for the convenience which paper has over metal as a circulating medium.

Just across the way from the Treasury Department stands the White House the abode of so much of gayety and happiness — often misery and discomfort, for the lot of a President is not always a happy one. I wish that I could speak in as glowing terms of the home of our

President as I have of the

Considering the

Treasury.



WHITE HOUSE.

wealth and unlimited resources of our country, we surely should have a much more pretentious Executive Mansion. The structure is colonial, which in times past must have been something of which the American people may have been justly proud; but like the trousers which cover Uncle Sam's rapidly growing limbs, it has long since become too small. The interior of the building, however, makes up in attractiveness for what may be lost by a glance from the street. As you enter the vestibule, you are confronted by large stained-glass doors, manufactured at a great expense by Tiffany & Co., of New York. These doors have worked in them different designs, chief among which is the American Eagle, composed of one hundred small pieces of glass; the Coat of Arms of the United States is also prominently brought out. The main room, commonly known as the East Room, is on your left, the walls of which are not papered, but upholstered in delicately tinted cloths of the finest texture; the ceilings are wrought in Mosaics being very intricate and elaborate, and in harmonious accord with the surroundings; three immense chandeliers suspend from the ceilings, covered almost from view by glass pendants, the brilliancy of which can well be imagined when fully lit up for the different receptions, which are now being given. In the East Room the general public receptions are held, while in the Red, Blue and Green Rooms the President receives the various ambassadors, ministers and foreign potentates. three rooms derive their names from the color of the furnishings in that room,



WAR, STATE AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS.

Not a great distance from the White House is situated the War, State and Navy Department. This is directly the opposite to the Treasury. While the latter is a reproduction of the classical, the former is a nineteenth century edifice. It is handsome, as all the Government buildings are. One of the most striking features is the long line of corridors, in walking through which, one could easily imagine himself in

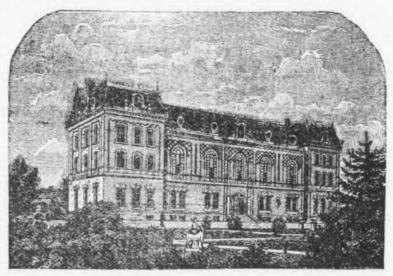
the Alhambra. There is nothing of interest to be seen here save models of our most prominent battle ships, and dummies exhibiting the various costumes of the Army, so we will leave it and take a short walk through the White House lot on our way to the Monument.

One must admire the Monument for its towering majesty. As the largest stone structure in the world it stands as one of the wonders of the universe. Five hundred and fifty-five feet in the air! Think of it, a little more than twice the heighth of the Ferris Wheel! The topmost landing is five hundred feet up, where on each of the four sides have been placed two large windows, from which an excellent view of the city may be obtained. Elevators run each half hour, or if you choose, there are steps all the way for walking. Many a day has your writer walked up those nine hundred steps, showing the memorial tablets which have been placed there by all nations in memory of our beloved Washington.

The next place of interest is the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, where all paper money, revenue stamps for tobacco, snuff and cigars, etc., are made. Did you ever notice the back of our paper money and see the scroll work printed thereon? If you have not, do so, and you will then see how easy it is for Uncle Sam to detect any counterfeit. Every curve in each of the large scrolls on the reverse side of our currency is figured out by mathematics, and one man alone is kept constantly employed in this work. After he has figured out his design, he executes it on a machine, first on smoked glass or zinc; if it is found correct, he puts it upon soft steel, which is afterwards hardened, and from which it is transferred to a soft steel roll, which being hardened, is transferred to the plate from which the bill is printed. This machine costs thousands of dollars, there being not another one in the world, and the work which it executes can not be done by the human hand. But this is only one portion of the work. One man is never allowed to complete a note; various men work together, neither knowing anything of the other's business; thus, one person

who is an expert in lettering, will be assigned to that portion; another on faces; another on figures; another on borders, etc., so that it requires something like fourteen days to complete one plate, with a dozen or more men steadily employed, with a machine to do the scroll work. All the work of the different men has to undergo the transferring process above described. bills of as high a denomination as ten thousand dollars are turned out, but I fancy you have never seen any of these, as they usually do not float around in colleges. In this building is located one of the macerating machines, used for softening into pulp the old redeemed money, which first goes through various chemical processes for taking out all the ink of the printing, and the small silk fiber running through the paper, after which it is macerated, and the pulp sold to paper manufacturers. There are several large time-lock, burglar-proof safes here, into which all the work of the day has to be placed and receipted for before any one can leave the building. If so much as a blank sheet of paper is lost, no one can leave until it is found, and if not found, its full face value is charged against that division in which it was lost.

As there is nothing of interest to be seen in the Agricultural Department, we will pass it by, and go on to the Smithsonian Institution. Before any of our fathers were living, John Smithson, of England, after the death of a nephew without issue, bequeathed \$600,000 "to the United States of America to found an institution for the dissemination of knowledge among men, and to be known as the

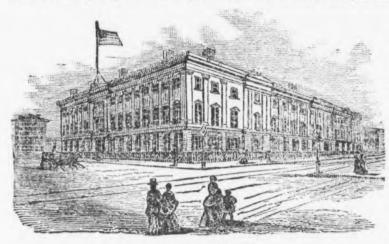


AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Smithsonian Institution." From that day to this its usefulness has been unlimited. It stands to-day as the centre of the whole world for scientific knowledge and research. Its information is given gratuitously to any man, woman or child in any country. If you wish to know how to skin a cat, or snake, stuff and mount any kind of bird or beast, it will cost you but a postal card, and all the information bearing on the subject will be forwarded to you. It has thousands of specimens on exhibition, and is always eager to exchange. Geological upheavals and glacial wearings are carefully exhibited to show the growth of the earth's surface. In the anthropological department some very interesting things are to be seen, among which are the Cliff Dwellers' abodes, Swiss Lake Dwellers, the sacrificial stone of the Montezumas, findings from mounds opened in Rose County, Ohio, mummies, implements of the stone age, and perhaps most interesting of all, perfect casts of the Engis and Neanderthal skulls, with which the Seniors are familiar. I wish that more space might be

given to tell of the many profitable things to be seen in the Smithsonian Institution, but I fear that I have already trespassed too much.

The National Museum is but a few yards from the Smithsonian. It is a kind of a sister-in-law to the Smithsonian, because its purposes are about the same, yet it does not send out its information so generally. The exhibits here are more varied, not being so largely devoted to science, but more to the preservation of national relics. There are, however, departments devoted to the arts, the proper arrangement of minerals, fossils, etc.



U. S. POST OFFICE.

I will carry you next to the Post Office Department. There is only one room in this building which will occupy our attention. It is the much abused dead-letter office. Seated around a long table, a score or more clerks are always at work opening letters. It is their duty to search for inclosed articles of whatever nature. If anything is found, that letter

is handed over to other clerks, who make a complete record of the finding. Frequently money, and very often stamps are found. From the clerks the letters go up stairs where women are employed in reading the letters, with a view to probably finding the writer; if he is not located, Uncle Sam keeps all findings. Stamps and money go immediately to the Government, while other articles are saved up and each year there is an "old horse" sale. So my friends if you do not wish to have your love letters reach the dead-letter office and read by a stranger's eye, be sure to place your address on the outside of the envelope. It would be amusing to tell of the curiously addressed letters which come mostly from foreign countries. Here is a sample: "John Schmidt, who teaches in the Red School House, Pennsylvania." There is an old lady who is an expert in this deciphering. Not long ago she received a letter addressed in this style:

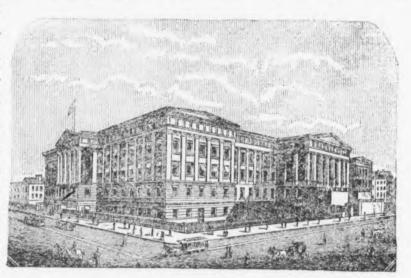
JOHN, MASS."

How many of you can figure out the proper person for whom this letter was intended. It went to the right party, and here is the proper address: "John Underwood, Andover, Massachusetts." The old lady who works out these puzzles is nearly eighty years old; and the Government, you may imagine can ill afford to dispense with her services.

Across the street from the Post Office Department is located the Department of the Interior, another white marble structure, classical in design and beautiful in appearance. Excepting a few models belonging to the Patent Office, which is a subdivision of this Department, there is nothing of great impor-

tance here. Two blocks from the department and connected with it as a subdivision, is the Pension Bureau, the largest brick structure in the world. A

small army of employees here work eight hours per day, going over files, examining cases, etc. The main floor is tessellated; the offices of the different division clerks are arranged in a manner similar to the galleries of a theatre; there being five or six galleries, you can imagine where the roof, or ceiling proper, is. From the main floor huge columns support the roof. In this build-



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ing the inaugural balls are held; the decorations for which in bunting, electricity and flowers, beggar description. Ten thousand dollars were spent in such decorations at the last event. The proceeds which are derived (and they are considerable,) be it said with pride, are divided among the poor of the city.



THE CAPITOL.

But one more place and I will leave you, for I fear that you have long since grown weary. Situated on an elevation over-looking the entire city, and facing the rising sun, majestically stands the United States Capitol. More than one hundred years old, it is to-day an object of admiration to the eyes of Americans and Europeans alike. Seventeen millions of dollars expended upon it thus far ought to make it

such. We will go in through the door facing Pennsylvania Avenue, which is the common entrance, and after climbing tier after tier of steps, we find our way to the rotunda, in the centre of which lie in state all presidents who died in office. Eight immense oil paintings, illustrative of various epochs in the history of our country, adorn the walls; while higher up, encircling the rotunda, skillful artists have painted the history of our country, beginning with the landing of Columbus, and running on down to the discovery of gold in California. So skillfully has the artist performed his work that from the floor it leaves the impression to the eye of sculpture. This work has not been completed, there being some space left where it might be well to insert the impor-

nent features of the Civil War. Far up and above this is a canopy painted by a celebrated Italian artist, representing Ceres, Neptune and other deities, coupled with characters symbolic of the advancement made in the sciences. Since we are at this point, I will take you up into the dome. Just a few yards under the canopy has been very wisely placed a resting balcony one hundred and eighty-seven feet from the floor, from which position the visitors walking through appear as small specks. We are now a little more than half way up, and must continue to climb until we reach the outside railing underneath the bronze statue of liberty surmounting the dome. Here every American's heart must swell with pride when he beholds the view spread out before his eyes. The fairest city in all the world is at your feet. Eternal Rome had her loyal sons, but, ah! many a man has gone down from that dome thanking heaven that he is an American. What strikes you most in looking around? It is the arrangement of the streets and avenues. L'Enfant, a French engineer, traveled over all the principal cities in Europe for ideas before laying out the infant Washington, and the result of his labors have been indeed beautiful. Notice that the numbered and lettered streets run parallel with the sides of the Capitol, while the avenues (named after the States,) are as divergent rays from the Capitol as a centre. The intersection of the avenues with the streets form triangular spaces which have been made into parks, although they do not form all the parks in the city by any means, frequently whole blocks are devoted to such purposes. Thus one can see how beautiful the American Capitol is. Arlington Heights, the historic home of General R. E. Lee, is distinctly seen. Now turn to the east and look at the new Congressional [Library in the course of construction. The dome which is about completed is coated with pure goldleaf. Think of it, solid gold! But it will not tarnish and is there forever. We will now descend and go into the old House of Representatives, now used as a Statuary Hall, and commonly called "whispering gallery;" owing to the parabolic structure of the room, the voice, if directed against the walls or portions of the floor, can be distinctly heard across the room. In this hall each of the States are allowed to place two statues of their most distinguished men; one of Pennsylvania's statues, I am happy to say, is Frederick Muhlenberg, the first Speaker of the House of Representatives; the other is Robert Fulton, of steamboat fame. The extreme south wing of the Capitol is the present House of Representatives, while the extreme northern wing is the Senate Chamber. The old Senate Chamber is now used as the room in which the Supreme Court of the United States holds its sessions. Various committee rooms open into the crridors and passage ways about the Capitol, but I cannot stop to describe their appointments, which are in accordance with the wealth and growth of our country.

Now readers, after showing you through all the interesting buildings in Washington, I will take you to your train, and bid you God speed and a pleasant journey home.

MELANGES.

The desire of man is for the woman, but the desire of woman is for the desire of man.—*Coleridge*.

Confucius is generally accepted as the author of this famous epigram—To know that we know what we know and that we do not know what we do not know—that is true knowledge.

A man without some sort of religion is at best a poor reprobate, the football of destiny, with no tie linking him to infinity and the wondrous eternity that is begun with him, but the woman without it is even worse, a flame without heat, a rainbow without color, a flower without perfume.—Don. G. Mitchell.

For a pen portrait of Henry Thorean in which you can discern his ever restless spirit and longing for freedom from the trammels of civilized life, nothing is better than this quotation from his "Walden," "I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion."

Men love most passionately, women most permanently; men love first and most warmly, women love last and longest.—Geo. W. Curtis.

The men of Wales do not know themselves as Welsh, which means "strangers." They call themselves Cymry.

Three things ruin a man; to know little and talk much, to have little and spend much, and to be worth little and presume much.

Sterne's "Tristram Shandy" contains one of the smoothest and easiest flowing sentences in the whole English language. "The accusing spirit which flew up to Heaven's chancery with the oath, blushed as he gave it in; and the recording angel, as he wrote it down, dropped a tear upon the word, and blotted it out forever.

It is curious to notice what different impressions that broad band of far-distant stars, known as the Milky Way, made upon the minds of different nations. The imaginative Greek thought it was the scorched track of Phaeton's wild course; to the Northern mind it appeared as the pathway of the ghosts going to Valhalla, while the Spaniards call it El Camino de Santiago.

Love is the torment of one, the felicity of two, the strife and enmity of three. It is a charm which draws two beings together and unites them by delicious sympathies, making it happiness to be with each other and misery to be apart.—*Irving*.

The man who cannot laugh is not only fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils; but his whole life is already a treason and a stratagem.—Sartor Resartus.

Gold and silver were first the sacred metals—sacred to the sun and moon, respectively typifying their light. They were used in the temples and thus became the precious metals. The root of the word by which the Celts, the Greeks and the Romans designated gold was the Sanskrit "harat" that is, "the color of the sun." Notice how the moon and silver are always connected,—as the "turning of one's silver" when the new moon is shining over your shoulder.

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EDITORIALS.

ITH the incoming of a new staff we deem it proper and necessary to enumerate, briefly, such changes and plans as this board of editors has decided upon. The principal change is the return to the old form of arrangement of the articles.

Realizing the seriousness of fixed rules we have formed none, except that we shall receive only the very best that each assistant is able to produce.

It shall be our effort to interest every student and alumnus. In order to do this we have decided to publish, in each issue, at least one article from an alumnus and one from a student.

The contributions from the students shall consist of such speeches, essays, etc., as may be deemed worthy, selected from among those delivered weekly in the college chapel.

This will give the student no extra work and yet enable him to be a contributor.

In this way the friends, who are unable to hear these speeches, will have an opportunity to read them.

Thus, we hope to interest our friends and acquaintances. One word to our alumni. From you we expect numerous contributions in the form of literary productions, personals, etc. By sending personals you will greatly lessen the labors of our Alumni Editor, whose lot is far from being a pleasant one. By kindly responding to our appeals for articles you will aid us in making THE MUHLENBERG interesting to all whom it may reach.

"MO err is human." No life is without its faults, and as a man's productions are a part of his life, these too are not without their faults. Owing to such misfortunes man is ever ready to seek assistance. Even the prince in the royal palace might seek wholesome advice from the humblest beggar. Though it may not be the proper thing for the prince to seek

knowledge from such a source; yet he should not be ashamed to give his inferiors his aid and assistance when occasion demands. A word of encouragement has spurred many a soldier onward to victory. By exposing a man's faults, and by entirely forgetting to enumerate any of his numerous good qualities, a great injury is done to him. Suggestions always welcome.

HY not make use of the gymnasium? All out-door athletics, for the present, have ceased. The classes have discontinued their drills in physical culture, and are now undergoing a rigid examination. Many of the leisure moments of the diligent student might be profitably employed by entering the gymnasium on such occasions instead of occupying their cots. The objection might be raised that the apparatus necessary for active exercise is wanting. There is plenty of it there, at least enough if rightly used. Why not appoint curators who would investigate the matter; and who would see that the room be put into a suitable condition, and the different appliances which are now securely stored in the closets be put into their proper places, so as to be of some advantage to him who desires to utilize those golden opportunities, which at present, are as good as lost. Hardly ever, if at all, does a student grow pallid and ghostly by over-working his mental faculties; it is caused by neglecting to give the different organs of the body a regular systematized exercise. Even, at the expense of a little knowledge, the importance of taking good care of our bodies and of preserving good health is not lessened in the least. As soon as the physical vigor diminishes so soon will the powers of the mind lose their vigor and vitality. A sound mind needs a sound body. To a great extent is the mind influenced by the bodily exercise. Let it then be a matter of no little consequence to get the gymnasium into a proper condition; and may it then be duly patronized.

BANQUETS are a success when rightly supervised. Not only are they a success in themselves, but a great aid in bringing harmony into the class organization. There are times when a little indulgence in the luxuries of life spurs the inactive spirit to a more earnest, nobler realization of Privileges may be abused at times, but when a class of young men prove themselves able to win the good favor of the surrounding element, and of making their banquet a means of social gathering, instead of diving into the deluding fountains, they deserve the congratulation of all. May other classmen view them in the proper light, and, instead of wearying their minds with continual drudgery, allow them to be soothed with the joys which such occasions furnish. Banquet-halls are the places where there

"Mingles with the friendly bowl
The feast of reason and the flow of soul."

RECONCILIATION.

If but one shall span the breach,
He will quickly mend it—
Two it takes to make a quarrel;
One can always end it.

-Selected.

OUR ALUMNI.

- '71. Dr. Richard H. Beck, Hecktown, is recovering from a serious illness.
- '73. Dr. J. A. Bauman delivered a very interesting lecture on "Nature's Underground Reservoirs," in the course of the Allentown College for Women. He is also on the programme of the Sunday School Convention to be held in St. John's Lutheran Church, Allentown, Feb. 22.
- '73. Hon. George F. Kribbs, Clarion, Pa., was one of the Democratic Congressman that voted for the Wilson Bill.
- '78. Dr. H. H. Herbst is one of the Directors of the Local Branch of the Masonic Loan and Building Association in Allentown, Pa.
- '78. Prof. Oliver J. Schaadt, Temple College, Philadelphia, is the author of French Pronunciation Tables that have received very favorable notice.
- '79. Edwin J. Lichtenwallner, Esq., after a long and severe illness, has again appeared on our streets.
- '81. Rev. Charles E. Sandt, Freemansburg, is to be congratulated upon his enterprise in erecting a Lutheran Hall at a cost of \$2,000 for the use of the different societies of his congregation. It is a very commodious building finished in hardwood supplied with a platform, piano, and

- kitchen attachment. It is a model building of its kind.
- '84. At a recent meeting of the Lancaster Clio, Prof. C. E. Wagner, of Franklin and Marshall College, read a paper on "The Elizabethan Dramatists."
- '85. Wilson K. Mohr, Esq., a prominent member of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society, has been elected Corresponding Secretary of the same.
- 287. By the recent death of Judge Adolphus Reinoche, Lebanon, Rev. Frank M. Seip's congregation inherited a thousand dollars.
- '89. By this time Rev. Frank C. Oberly feels thoroughly at home in Luray, Virginia. *
- '90. Alfred K. Keck, White Haven, Pa., recently visited Allentown, looking up some of his interests.
- '90. Dr. A. J. Yost, the new Coroner of Lehigh County, has already been complimented by the press for refusing to hold unnecessary inquests.
- '91. William H. Cooper has been chosen to deliver the oration at the graduating banquet of Faculty and students of Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia.
- '92. Mr. Bernheim, by contributing the excellent article appearing in this issue, sets an example worthy to be followed by others of our alumni.



PERSONALS.

FACULTY.

DR. SEIP attended a meeting of the Pastoral Association, held at the house of REV. W. F. SCHOENER, South Bethlehem.

DRS. SEIP and RICHARDS attended a meeting at Philadelphia. The subject of Beneficiary Education was discussed.

DR. ETTINGER delivered a very interesting lecture on "An Evening Talk with the Dictionary," at Freemansburg.

ON ACCOUNT of an attack of the grip Dr. Repass was unable to meet the Senior Class on Thursday, Feb. 8.

"UNDERGROUND RESERVOIRS" was the subject of the lecture delivered by Dr. Bauman at the Allentown College for Women.

STUDENTS.

LAZARUS, '95, was elected Assistant Business Manager of the Ciarla.

WEAVER, '96, went home on account of sickness. He will return as soon as he has fully recovered.

According to rumor the Freshmen would have been vanquished on the night of the Sophomore's banquet if they had not kept *Kuhl*.

LONGAKER, '94 and D. A. MILLER, '94, were elected delegates to a meeting of the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association, to be held at the Hotel Allen on the 24th of February.

A FEW days ago M. S. ERDMAN, '94, made a short visit to friends in Philadelphia.

HEYL, '94, has again resumed his studies after a week's illness with the grip.

DR. W. TO C. KISTLER, '95.—"Why did the Jews, when in sorrow, put ashes on their heads?" KISTLER.—"They used pot-ash, as being a good fertilizer."

THE Glee Club loses a good leader by the resignation of Mr. H. C. KLINE, '94. Under his leadership the club made excellent progress.

"INQUIRE WITHIN,"—XANDER, '96 and WEDDIGEN, '96,—for an explanation.

THE address recently made by KIST-LER, '94, at St. Peter's Church, was greatly appreciated by all present.

THE parents of STRODACH, '96, paid him a short visit last week.

GENSZLER, 96 and ZWEIER, 94, are said to be greatly in favor of co-education. They hope the day will not be far distant when Muhlenberg will open its doors to the fair sex.

"I SAY, KLOTZ, is your girl a factory girl?" "O, yes, Schofer, satis-factory!"

JUDGING from appearances, terrapin does not agree with certain Sophomores.

GABLE, '95, spent a few days very pleasantly at his home in Reading.

A SHORT time ago HEINTZ, '94, entertained the Sunday School of St. Michael's Church with an interesting address, with blackboard illustrations, on the Bible.

W. J. SNYDER, '95, rendered a recitation at the banquet given by the Keystone State Normal School Alumni of Lehigh and Northampton Counties. The recitation was well received.

THE mandolin quartette furnished fine music at the concert given by the Missionary Society.

LOCALS.

Skating.

Who picked the goose?

Something that may happen— The Frishling's Sleighride. Wanted by the Freshmen—All the literal translations for Livy.

Caution.—All students procure nosegays before the Juniors commence laboratory work.

The regular monthly meeting of the College Missionary Society was held on the 16th ult. Kistler, '94, road a paper on "The Carlisle Indian School;" Longaker, '94, read a very interesting paper on "Bishop Payne;" Struntz, '97, read an article on "Work and Workers," and Lentz, '95, on "Ways of Working." Dr. Wackernagel then gave some suggestive remarks on the Carlisle Indian School, Bishop Payne and the Jews.

The Euterpean Literary Society has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, F. C. Longaker, '94; Vice President, A. P. Lentz, '95; Recording Secretary, F. W. Struntz, '97; Corresponding Secretary, F. K. Fretz, '97; Treasurer, G. W. Genszler, '96; Critics, S. A. B. Stopp, '96 and C. A. Mohr, '96; Assistant Librarians, A. G. Schenk, '97 and W. H. Fehr, '97; Chaplain, P. A. Behler, '95; Editor of Budget, M. H. Stettler, '96.

The Lowell Literary Society has elected the following officers: President, Marvin Kleppinger; Vice President, Paul McKnight; Secretary, Eli Mantz; Treasurer, Frederick Gruhler; Critic, Jacob Gery; Chaplain, George Lenker; Editor of Budget, Charles Neuweiler.

The latest officers of the Sophronian Literary Society are: President, M. W. Gross, '94; Vice President, W. J. Schmidt, '95; Clerk, G. F. Kuhl, '96; Corresponding Secretary, J. F. Stine, '97; Treasurer, Calvin Lawfer, '97; Assistant Librarian, John Sykes, '97; Critics, M. S. Erdman, '94 and W. H. S. Miller, '94; Chaplain, H. K. Lantz, '96; Editor of Budget, W. D. Kline, '97.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 6, the Missionary Society had a concert in the College Chapel. The attendance was so large that the chapel was not spacious enough for the occasion. This is the third concert that the society had and this, as well as the others, was a great success. A silver offering was taken and the collection amounted to twenty-two dollars. We must commend the committee in arranging such an excellent program as was rendered. All the people seemed very much pleased with the selections. The program was as follows:

PART I

| Piano Duet |
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| Recitation Selection Miss Rose Richards. |
| Vocal Solo |
| Piano Solo |
| Mr. George S. Opp. Trio |
| Mandolin Quartette Selection Messrs Hottenstine, Heyl, Schindel and Keller. |
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| PART II. |
| Vocal Solo |
| Recitation |
| Vocal Solo "Love's Sorrow" Master Ralph Kline. |
| Piano Solo "Pasquinade"* Mr. Joseph Stopp. |
| Trio |
| Glee Club "Good Night" *These selections were rendered at the recent Eisteddfod. |

IN A LITERARY VEIN

One of the most valuable books that has ever been published concerning Lutherans in America, has lately left the press of the Christian Literature Company, of New York, under the title of "A History of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States." This magnificent volume of 539 pages has been prepared by the scholarly and distinguished Dr. Henry E. Jacobs, professor of theology in the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. It deserves to be read not only by every Lutheran, but also by every student of history outside of the Lutheran Church. It is full of interesting and valuable material from beginning to end, and is a model of what a historical work ought to be. It contains, first of all, a most valuable Bibliography of works already published, bearing on the Lutheran Church. This is followed by a chapter on "What is Lutheranism?" The history itself is presented in five periods, extending from 1624 to the present time, as follows:

I. The sources and organization of the Lutheran Church in America, 1624-1742.

II. The first attempts at organization, 1742-1817.

III. Deterioration, 1787-1817.

IV. Revival and expansion, 1817-1860. V. Reorganization, 1860-1893.

Under these five heads the distinguished author presents the history of the Lutheran Church in America as it has never before been presented. For his material he goes back to the original sources and authenticates every statement by indisputable testimony.

It is, and will for a long time remain the standard work on the subject of which it treats.

Looking from a stand-point of utility, we find, among recent publications, two works which will prove of much value to the student of the Bible and of early history. The one was written by Dr. M. G. Easton, and is entitled "The Illustrated History of the Bible," and, as may be inferred from the subject, it treats of those scenes and incidents mentioned in the Sacred Book. The topics are arranged alphabetically and are treated in a pleasant style. At one time, the author traces the life of an individual: while at another, he describes the country-calling to mind the incidents of which it was the scene and, by means of numerous illustrations, enabling the reader to form a clear idea of the place. In short, the work is so enriched with maps, tables, etc., that it would form an excellent companion for one traveling in the Holy Land, as well as for the student at home. The other work referred to is that of Mr. J. B. Bury, of Trinity College, Dublin. It is called a "History of the Roman Empire." In it the author sought to trace the history of the first 2 centuries of the Empire and he carried this out very successfully. It will be remembered that during this period the destruction of Jerusalem and other events, a knowledge of which would throw considerable light on Bible study, occurred. such incidents are ably and fully treated. However, one of the highest points of merit-and this may be said of both books-is, that they can be relied

upon; for the highest authorities have been consulted and tradition has been eradicated.

The Forum for February contains an excellent article by Frederic Harrison, entitled "The Literature of the Victorian Age." The purpose of the author, in this treatise, is to point out the leading features and to give a true picture of the tendencies of this literary period. Although space will not permit a lengthy review; yet we will endeavor to touch upon the principal parts treated by the writer. This age had its beginning about the time of the ascension of Victoria to the throne of England; at a time when the "old writers were either dead or silent" and when no new lights had yet attained great prominence. Yet, as the age progressed, it saw given to the world, the works of Tennyson, Browning, Thackery, Dickens and many others. If we compare these works with those of the former period or periods, several things will be brought to notice. We will find that they differ as though they were separated by a greater interval and that this period has no writer that can be reckoned among the really great masters. "The social earnestness of our time colors our literature, while on the other hand, our practical and scientific genius scorns the melodramatic imagery with which our grandfathers were delighted." They would never have thought of aiming even a volume at social abuses; yet this was the work of Dickens in his novels; and, more than this, Psychology has now too found a dress in the "popular novel." The great advancement of nations by means of inventions, research and discovery, during the past sixty years, has left its footprints, and as a result we have no "recognized model;" but each writer "follows his own whim." Formerly there was a certain "tone" or, perhaps, a likeness in form which prevaded each period; now there are many forms and the writers of the same age differ, in some respects, as widely as though they were of different ages.

"In truth, we have now in prose and poetry strongly contrasted types, both of which deserve admiration and following." In poetry, Tennyson, in his In Memoriam, soars high and, in this poem, one can hardly find a harsh line; while Browning, although of great ability, sometimes grows harsh. prose, Thackery, in Vanity Fair and other of his works, is easy and graceful; while others are content to traverse Together with this a lower level. good prose we find much of another kind which has its birth as a result of "scientific research." "What lumps of raw fat are flung at our heads! Through what tangles of uninteresting phenomena are we not led in the name of Research, Truth and the Higher Philosophy!" Even the historian, although possessing a greater store of knowledge than that of any previous age, is content with a narration of naked facts, and the historical novel is almost a thing of the past. They have indeed good models, but they refuse to follow them.

Perhaps this very rage after knowledge has been the means of retarding our literature; for "with all its learning it has not yet reached the age of Goethe."



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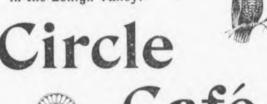
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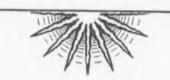
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COLLEGE GRADUATES AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

BY S. C. SCHMUCKER, B. S.

I should like to call the attention of the students of my Alma Mater to the field that opens before them in the schools of our own Keystone State. I am not writing to those who wish to support themselves respectably while they cast their eyes about them; but to those who will look to teaching as an honorable calling. It is reasonably remunerative, but above all, it offers the possibility that a man's mental growth shall continue through life, and the hope that his studious habits may abide with him.

If there is any one now in college who is willing to consider this matter, let me offer him the following advice.

In the first place pay accurate and careful attention to all your college work, and while gathering its general facts, try especially to catch its spirit.

Then read one broad advanced author on each subject of your course, so that you get not only the accurate facts, which alone would make you a pedant, nor the general view only which would make you a dilettante, but that ripe union of the two which makes the scholar.

Next examine your professors to see what they can teach you. Observe that one excites your enthusiasm and note how he does it. See how another encourages you to the close accurate work of true scholarship, and gather the spirit of his method.

Then analyze, the subtle power of the man whose class room is always orderly, under whom attention is constant, yet never forced, and catch, if you can, his spirit, for it is, of all things, most valuable. Build up from all these, your ideal teacher and hold him constantly in your mind.

In addition to this accompany your study of each subject by the reading of a book on pedagogy. In studying Geology and Mineralogy accompany them by reading Huxley's "Physiography," and Parker, King or Frye, on "Methods of teaching Geography."

While studying Botany, Physiology, and Zoology, read Jackman's "Nature Study," and Allen's "Flowers and their Pedigrees."!

With your course in Mathematics read Spencer's Inventional Geometry, Grube's, or some other modern methods in Arithmetic; and, if mathematics be at all your forte, read a modern Geometry of the ray, point and circle.

Your History work may be especially valuable to you, and you must do all you can to vitalize it in your mind, to carry the thread of it all connectedly, to watch the synchronism of events in different countries, and above all, to catch

the gradual evolution of the "zeit-geist." Here, too, it is well to read Compayre or Painter on the History of Education.

But when it comes to your metaphysics, you must supplement most thoroughly, and carefully remember that Psychology, as studied in the regular course, is the Psychology of the adult mind; and what is essential to the teacher is not the coordination of the matured faculties, but the sequence and method of their development in the growing child. Here study Sully's "Teacher's Psychology," or Lindner's "Applied Psychology," Rosenkranz's "Philosophy of Education," Herbart's "Science of Education," Lange's "Apperception," Preyer on "The Infant Mind" and Stanley Hall on "The Contents of Children's Minds on entering School."

Your Ethics can be supplemented by Adler's "Moral Instruction of Children."

To this add a careful study of the "Report of the Committee on Secondary Instruction," recently issued by and easily obtainable from the Bureau of Education at Washington, as the most able and recent American attempt to arrange and coordinate school work.

When you have done all this you will be prepared to understand, when you get to work, that you are not teaching pupils geography, history and geometry, but that you are developing your pupils' faculties by means of those branches. This difference of view point makes all the difference between stunting drudgery and rejuvenating inspiration in one's work.

Having accomplished this, Pennsylvania has an abundance of High School positions and Principalships of small towns which are open to you at the be-

ginning and from which you can reach into the counties and larger cities.

The salary is getting to be a living one from the first, and may become quite as creditable on the average as in most other professional work, with equal energy and preparation. It is certainly as remunerative as the ministry and little less rich than it, in spiritual rewards. But above all, the work itself is inspiring and ever fresh to a growing mind.

Pennsylvania has lately shown her appreciation of college men in Public School work by arranging for their certification under the conditions quoted below from the current report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, who says concerning it: "The new certificate will thus be the highest in rank of those entitling the holder to teach in the schools of the commonwealth."

1. The applicant must furnish evidence of good moral character.

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5. The college or university granting the diploma must have been invested with the power to confer degrees by an

act of the Legislature.

THOSE HIDDEN PLACES.

BY E. H. KISTLER, '95.

Lessons from nature lie about us, unrecognized and untaught. She paints the skies with crimson tint at morning's dawn, and sends the dying Sun to his grave of gloom midst golden glories and entrancing beauties—as if opening the portals of the Beyond, and allowing some of its glory to illumine the deathbed of the Day, teaching the devout servant of her God that

"There is no death! What seems so is transition; This life of mortal breath

Is but a suburb of the life elysian,

Whose portal we call death."

Thus Nature shows us ourselves. The true student will give attention unto her lessons as well as to those of the printed page. Unfold them all, we cannot. Yet one lesson of the season has impressed me. We love the "beautiful snow." With rapturous delight, we watch the descent of each snow-flake as it floats to earth—a feather from Winter's wing. With eager eyes and beating heart we welcome those pearls of Winter. As the flakes were merrily, yet silently falling thick and fast, you, with me, have donned your hat and coat, and plunged into the exhilarating atmosphere and pulsequickening storm. As you watched the flakes accumulate, your heart beat strong and fast, as in the mind's eye you already saw a sleigh cutting the frosty air, gliding merrily on, while to the music of the sleigh-bells, and the melody of her silvery laughter your heart beat tumultuous time. And then—your airy castle fell; for the light snow had already covered a slippery spot on the pavement—a spot you knew of, a spot you had, in your ecstasy, forgotten.

Gentlemen, rise not too high above the affairs of our common life. Live not in the clouds of the future, nor in visions of greatness. The Future is gained by utilizing the Present. Greatness is the reward of honest labor and worth. Your life is not valuable, except as you fill each moment with something of worth. Constant dreaming of future greatness will destroy all possibility of such greatness.

"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;

In feelings, not in figures on a dial.

We should count time by heart-throbs; he most lives,

Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best," said Bailey in his Festus. That is only done by improving and taking care of the present moment. Let not your minds swim in the sea of the Future. Be careful of the present. Look to your feet; they may be treading dangerous ground. Raise not your head so high that you cannot see the common earth, for you may soon fall to the lowest level—the laughing stock of those you imitated, pitied by those you scorned. Examine well each action. Life is too precious to be spent in wrong.

I am addressing a body of young men, who are eager to face the dangers of the world, whose every pulse is throbbing and every nerve tingling with the anticipation of victory. May it be yours! May the world feel your influence and honor your names. But, your worst dangers are the hidden ones—snakes in the grass, waiting to sting to death the unwary wanderer. Tennyson rightly voices this statement: "A lie which is all a lie may be met and fought

with outright; but a lie which is half the truth is a harder matter to fight." You need not wait until your college days are o'er to meet these unseen dangers. They lie about you everywhere. I could not mention them all. But these will I point out as the places where many young men have fallenwine, women, cards. Wine! Wine! Gentlemen, "that invisible spirit of wine" is truly "devil;" for once aroused, it stops not until its victim is bound in chains, eternal and enduring. Woman! So beauteous, so fair! So oft the devil's enchanting bait for unsuspecting men, until passions are aroused in the soul - passions that devour strength, virtue, honor, home, and life! Cards! That by their fascinating influence, so subtle yet so strong, draw men to viler deed and baser action and eternal death! Those hidden places are in your pathway.

Though these hidden places are covered with beauty and pleasure, beware, for they are dangerous. Should the fair maiden of your heart tempt you to swallow that "spirit of wine," refuse her. It is far better to lose such a one, than that you fall in the race of life. Should you meet with aught of evil, though clothed as an angel of light, turn from it. Your life is too valuable to be lost.

Have you already fallen? Then be up and doing. For

"We rise by things that are 'neath our feet;

By what we have mastered of good and gain ; By the pride deposed, and the passion slain,

And the vanquished ills that we hourly meet."

PENNSYLVANIA GERMANS.

At present there are those, who find a great source of delight in tracing their line of ancestry to crowned heads; while others, perhaps of higher station, are content with pointing to some humbler source. As it were, two streams: the one rising in a great lake, dashes along now over precipices, now along its deep channel; yet beyond the noise produced it accomplishes little good; the other, having its source in a little mountain spring, flows into the vale, here turning a mill, there watering a garden, and, all along its course, causing beauty to appear. Thus it is with lines of ancestry. Those who spring from the greatest source are not on this account great; but, very often, those who have some humbler origin, as the tortoise, outstrip the boasting hare.

Therefore, we of this state point, not without pride, to that people known as the Pennsylvania Germans. Sprung from a group of settlers from the lower Rhine, they inherited from these many virtues, as well as their avocation—that of tilling the soil. Although they chose an occupation so humble and lived surrounded by few schools, yet, in many instances, they could, with profit, be imitated by us of to-day.

As a religious people, they were surpassed by few, whether a mile or two intervened between them and their places of worship, it made little difference. When the day for service came, they were there and that to worship. When a wanderer came along, he found the latch-strings of their humble dwellings hanging out, and he was treated as by good Samaritans. When their daily work was done and when evening wrapped the earth in darkness, they gathered around the hearth, there to spend a pleasant evening or perchance they went to some gathering; but, when they retired, thanks went up to their creator for his guidance and protection. Among all peace reigned; but it extended farther and was felt by the indians, with whom they had little trouble.

Thus they filled their humble station, content with that lot which fortune had given them. But did they thus spend their time in quietness during the Revolutionary War, when their country's voice called for their help? By no means; for with their other virtues was mingled a love for country and they were among the first to lay down their life, that their country might live.

Some persons, passing through the country among these people, have misrepresented them. They have attacked their language as not deserving the name of such. Yet he who visits the lower Rhine, finds there almost the same language which these people use. What if it has assumed some English words? Is it on this account not a language? With equal propriety might we claim that English does not belong to the family of languages, because it has drawn from the fountains of French, Greek and Latin.

The literature of this people is very small and comprises but a few works,—

their language being, for the most part, a spoken one. Nevertheless, by reading the few books which it does include, one will find a simplicity pervading all, which demands admiration.

As a consequence of their mode of life, education was neglected, a fault for which their sons are now making amends. Place them in the institutions of learning, and their minds, like soil which has lain fallow for years, will eagerly receive the grains of knowledge and yield abundant harvests. Often indeed they surpass those whose ancestors had access to greater realms of knowledge. Search through the history of our land and you will find that they too had a share of the places of honor. Thrice, at least, they occupied the highest position which this state affords.

As a people, their day is almost past. The English language and the habits of their neighbors are gradually driving away their language and identity; but their influence will remain. Therefore, you who are of this line need not look with disdain upon them, because they were humble; for from this lowliness, virtues arose, which have pervaded society and which show themselves in some of our great men.

What if the memory of this people is not crowned with pages of history? They nevertheless lived and lived well, and more than that, none can do; even if he is king over all.

H. P. MILLER, '95.



MELANGES.

A pound of learning requires ten 1bs. of common sense to apply it.

Shakspeare says we are creatures that look before and after; the more surprising that we do not look around a little and see what is passing under our very eyes.

— Thomas Carlyle.

Cats were great favorites with the ancient Egyptians. When a fire occurred the chief attention was directed to saving them. Their bodies were often embalmed. They were valued on account of destroying asps and other reptiles.

Men are born with two eyes, but with one tongue, in order that they should see twice as much as they say.—*Colton*.

The Phœnicians secured their tin from Cornwall, or the Scylly Islands; iron from Elba; Copper from Cyprus; silver from Spain.

Some of "Ik Marvel's" comparisons are quite whimsical, though, at the same time, very telling; as, in describing a flirt he says: "She has a cast of the head, apt and artful, as the most dexterous cast of the best trout-killing rod."

It is a good world if you don't rub it the wrong way. Sit in the sun as much as possible. One preserves one's complexion, but gets so cold in the shade.

-Geo. W. Curtis.

Joseph Surface, the man of "sentiment," in Sheridan's "School for Scandal," bears a strong resemblance to some of our modern *jeunesse dorce*. He says, "The silver ore of pure charity is an expensive article in the catalogue of a

man's good qualities; whereas the sentimental French plate I use instead of it makes just as good a show and pays no tax."

Irving, in speaking of the skill of all Frenchmen in dancing, says, "The natural Frenchmen, like Mohammed's coffin, are half their existence between the earth and the sky. And the only place where Frenchmen are vulnerable, is in the heel, like in Achilles of old."

The Greeks, to whom it seems we owe most of our poetical old beliefs, wore the ring upon the fourth finger of the left hand, believing that a delicate nerve led from that digit to the heart. The Romans too named this finger "medicus" on account of the supposed connection. We still continue the custom in the position of the wedding ring.

Men resemble the gods in nothing so much as in doing good to their fellow creatures.

—Cicero.

Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice. Take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment.

-Shakespeare.

The sufficiency of my merit is to know that my merit is not sufficient.

-St. Augustine.

Evil thoughts intrude in an unemployed mind, as naturally as worms are generated in a stagnant pool.

-From the Latin.

A new Cask will long preserve the Tincture of the liquor with which it is first impregnated. —Horace.

It is in vain
(I see) to argue 'gainst the grain,
Or like the stars, incline men to
What they're averse themselves to do;
For when disputes are wearied out,
'Tis int'rest still resolves the doubt.

—Butter.

Purity is the feminine, and Truth the masculine of honor. —Hare.

Some men, like pictures, are fitter for a corner than a full light. — Seneca.

In the Bottle discontent seeks for comfort, cowardice for courage, and bashfulness for confidence. —Johnson.

The generality of men have, like plants, latent properties, which chance brings to light. —La Rochefoucauld.

Pliny, in the first century, was the first writer to describe the diamond.

Every gem known to the lapidary has been found in the United States.

He is happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home. — Gæthe.

If architects would bear in mind The frailty of mankind, They'd introduce a kind of stair That now is hard to find.

They'd put another step on top,
Regardless of remark:
The step a fellow reaches for
When going up in the dark.

—New Moon.

THE FIRST FLY.

The first fly of spring to the air spread his wing,

For warmer was growing the weather; While roaming about, another, thawed out,

He met, and they flew off together.

To a playhouse they went on forage intent,

And the people there present did scan, And one to the other said, laughingly, "Brother,

Get on to the bald-headed man."-N. M.

IN THE USUAL WAY.

BY J. M. YETTER, '96.

When I was botanizing, Sitting by the way, I saw a couple chatting In the usual way.

She wore a gingham bounct, Her heart was ever gay She nestled close beside him, In the usual way.

The look he wore, I wager.
Was prouder in its way
Than the looks of kings or princes,
Upon their wedding day.

The coat he wore, I noticed,
Was yellow striped with gray
His shoes were soiled by brambles,
In the usual way.

I saw they both enjoyed it,
'Twas in the month of May,
They sat there close together,
In the usual way.

They both were then enjoying,
As only young folks may,
Planning for the future
In the usual way.

The promise that she made him, While sitting by the way, Was like a dream, so fickle, Yet in the usual way.

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EDITORIALS.

UHLENBERG COLLEGE is not unfrequently called a slow institution. We are unable to comprehend the true significance of this saying. True it is, it is unable to compete with other colleges with reference to newspaper notoriety. Whenever our Faculty

makes "short work" to the doings of those whose fondest delight it is to make it disagreeable for their fellow students, we are made the subject of ridicule. It seems that there are not only a few who can not realize a good joke until half a dozen are hanged and as many more imprisoned.

"Believing an intellectual without a spiritual training to be a grave error, Muhlenberg College strives throughout its entire course to secure a proper study of religion, as a science as well as a consistent practice of it." Its students enter into the practical religious affairs of the city in which it is located. Two Mission Sunday Schools are entirely under their supervision, while in numerous others they act an important part. It boasts not of numbers but of thoroughness. "Its course of study has always been of a high order, its Professors are men of ability, and its results a long list of Alumni who have honored their Alma Mater as well as the Church and State. Among the colleges and scholars of our country it has a recognized standing. Dr. Mac Cracken, Chancellor of the University of New York, in his address before the American Society of Church History, held in Washington, D. C., Dec. 31, 1890, gives to Muhlenberg College the place of honor among a number of colleges named as furnishing a prescribed course in Church History; and the U.S. Commissioner on Education, Wm. T. Harris, L.L.D., in his last report mentions the same institution as especially strong and thorough in the classics."

We see nothing slow in this. doubt, because it is not easily taken with the whims and fads of the present day, the slur has been cast against it. No, we believe in thoroughness in what we do profess to teach, and anything unchristian, abusive, and inhuman can not find safe lodging within its walls.

E note with pleasure that the Pennsylvania Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Union, which lately met in this city, has decided to hold the next contest in Allentown. The selection of our city as the place to hold the contest is quite an honor to our college—the latest addition to the union. We are informed that some of the other colleges offered halls, free of rent. As our place was selected without any consideration of hall-rent we must conclude that a good attendance is expected.

The original idea was to hold all contests in Philadelphia, but on account of the withdrawal of the University of Pennsylvania this plan was abandoned. It is the first duty of every student at our college to attend this contest. His second duty is to induce all his friends to be there. All will receive great returns for the small price of admission to be paid.

The citizens of our city have always liberally patronized affairs of this kind, and as this will be an event of no small importance, we feel certain that great interest will be manifested in this contest, and that a crowded house will greet the speakers.

IN the last issue the exchanges and several contributions were unfortunately crowded out. They appear in this issue. We sincerely hope that contributions will continue to come in as

plentifully hereafter as they did for that number. It is your journal. Improve it with worthy contributions.

MHE Glee Club, like many other things has had an early and certainly an untimely end. Just why, does not seem clear. Certain other projects came to naught through interferences by the authorities. Those interferences were not hailed with joy, but when it was announced that a glee club was to make the halls resound with sweet melodies the disappointment caused by previous prohibitions gradually wore off and the hope was entertained, at least by those who possess tuneful voices, that there would be no interferences, and prohibitions in regard to a glee club. There were none. What then was to prevent Muhlenberg from having a club of which all might be proud? They were allowed to practice in the chapel, they received encouragement from the authorities and all seemed fair sailing, when, lo, the leader resigns and the club disbands.

Whether this disbanding of so promising an organization is due to lack of material, petty jealousies or indolence, pure and simple, we are unable to say. The first is certainly not the case; the other two seem to be *probable* causes. If so re-organize, then overcome jealousies and prejudices, recognize a leader, and "shake off dull sloth."

Another organization which has disappeared so mysteriously as to leave scarcely a trace of its short existence was the Banjo, Guitar and Mandolin Club. This club was organized as a future adjunct to the Glee Club.

OUR ALUMNI.

- '69. Rev. R. F. Weidner, D.D., for many years connected with Augustana Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Ill., has resigned.
- '71. Rev. Hiram Peters now has charge of St. Stephen's Lutheran church, Toledo, Ohio. His address is corner of Harrison and Oliver Sts., Toledo, O.
- '73. Rev. Chas. J. Hirzel, Philadelphia, Pa., is Secretary of the Philadelphia Conference.
- '74. Rev. Jas. L. Becker, Lansdale, Pa., is President of the Norristown Conference.
- '78. Rev. D. Henry Reiter, Richland Centre, Pa., is Treasurer of the same.
- '79. Rev. Wilson M. Rehrig, Ph. D., Greenville, Pa., has greatly suffered from ill health. His congregation recently presented him a carriage and harness.
- '80. Rev. James F. Beates, Salt Lake City, Utah, has about recovered from an attack of pneumonia._
- '80. Rev. J. Walker Klingler has removed to Dushore, Pa.
- '80. At the recent Spring election Dr. George T. Ettinger was, for the fourth time, elected School Director of the Third Ward, Allentown. Each term being three years, this will give him twelve years continuous service in that capacity.
- '81. On account of sickness Rev. Joseph W. Mayne, Easton, Pa., was unable to fill his appointment at the recent Sunday School Convention at Allentown.
- '81. Rev. L. M. McCreery has removed to Ashville, Ohio.
- '82. Prof. S. C. Schmucker has kindly contributed the first article in this is-

- sue. It is a good production and ought to be read by all. The Professor has charge of the department of natural sciences at the Indiana State Normal School, Indiana, Pa. He has been very successful.
- '83. Rev. W. F. Schoener, South Bethlehem, Pa., is Secretary of the Allentown Conference.
- '84. Rev. Wm. D. C. Keiter presided at the Thursday evening session of the Sunday School Convention recently held in Allentown.
- '85. Rev. E. A. Yehl has removed to Easton, Pa.
- '86. Rev. John H. Waidelich, Sellersville, Pa., is Secretary of the Norristown Conference.
- '86. Samuel J. Kistler, Esq., is rapidly convalescing after a three weeks' sickness.
- '88. Among the many Muhlenbergians on the program of the recent Sunday School Convention was Rev. James F. Lambert of Catasauqua, Pa.
- '90. Among the rising young lawyers of Philadelphia is Evan B. Lewis. He recently published an interesting and able monograph on "Expert Testimony," a copy of which is in the College Library.
- '90. Rev. J. H. Longacre dedicated two new churches, one at Long Run, Pa., the other at Weissport, Pa.
- '90. Rev. J. Charles Rausch is a busy man. He dedicated a new church at West Hazleton, Pa., is building another at Audenried, Pa., and recently married Miss A. S. Kleckner of Allentown.
- '90. Rev. James Benton Werner, pastor of Christ Church, Susquehanna, Pa., is meeting with much success in his work.

EXCHANGES.

In a recent issue of the Wittenberger the proposition of having a college senate at Wittenberg is freely discussed by the president, professors and students. All are seemingly very much in favor of establishing such a body at the college. The general idea is that it will be a good thing if not hampered by factions.

Last year's graduating class at the University of Michigan numbered 711, the largest class ever graduated from an American university.—Ex.

THE OLD VIOLIN.

Though tuneless, stringless, it lies there in the dust, Like some great thought on a forgotten page: The soul of music cannot fade or rust—

The voice within it stronger grows with age;
Its strings and bow are only trifling things—
A master-touch!—its soul wakes and sings.
—The University Review.

The Jan. issue of the *Dickinson Liberal* contains two excellent literary productions; "Should Wages be Paid Convict Laborers?" and "An Ocean Voyage." These articles show the result of careful thought and extensive reading.

The *Buff and Blue* for January is a most complete issue, containing not only articles of worth, but a profusely illustrated sketch of the National College for the Deaf, from which college this monthly is issued. The illustrations in the *Buff and Blue* are remarkably well executed. Among them are pictures of the president, the faculty, the college buildings, the labratory, the gymnasium, and a bird's-eye view of Kendall Green, on which the campus is situated. The local columns are well filled with spicy material,

TRIALS OF A BUSINESS MANAGER.

An undertaker's "ad" he sought, Alas, the fates forbade, For the undertaker, smiling, said He'd take it out in trade.

-Er.

The *College Mercury* came to our table full of matter, interesting to the out-sider as well as to the student.

We have the pleasure of greeting Vol. I, No. 1 of *The Brown and White*, a semi-weekly of Lehigh University. It is a bright and newsy publication. We wish it success.

The College Student for January contains a lengthy editorial in answer to what they called a supercilious and offensive article, which appeared in the December issue of the Swathmore Pha-This article, the editor says, is written more in sorrow than in anger, however justifiable the latter might be. The cause of these articles was a football game in which the Swathmore and F. & M. teams were matched. The former team refused to continue because they deemed the umpire's decision un-The latter team claims that the decisions of the umpire were fair, but that the Swathmore team was clearly out-played.

In the *Ossarist* for January there is a sketch on "Egypt; Past and Present," written by a native of Cairo, now a student of Findlay College. The article is well written, and the description of the habits of the people and of the various places of interest is well worth praise.

Lives of poets oft remind us,

If we use the proper means—

Discard metre, rhyme and reason—

We can shine in magazines. —Ex.

PERSONALS.

FACULTY.

DR. RICHARDS delivered an address in St. Mark's church, South Allentown, for the benefit of the Sunday School library.

Drs. Repass and Seip have fully recovered from their late illness, and have again resumed charge of their classes.

Dr. Garber was away a few days attending the funeral of a relative.

STUDENTS.

Muhlenberg, in the person of Longaker, '94, is ably represented on the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association.

In the Chemistry Class. Dr. B.: "Mr. Stopp, name some of the compounds of iron."

Stopp: "Ferrous sulphate, Ferrous hydrate, Ferrous-Ferrous-Ferris wheel!"

Dr. B. (ironically): "We'll call that sufficient.

Trexler '94, spent Washington's Birthday at Easton, attending the Senior debate at Lafayette College.

Dr. W. (in History) to Kistler E.—Mr. Kistler, in what lies the strength of the House of Lords, that they are still able to exist?"

Kistler: "It must be, Doctor, because there are so many *Peers* in it."

H. K. Lantz '96, sang a bass solo, "Calvary," by Rodney, in St. Michael's Lutheran church.

Rev. Win. F. Klein (Ex-'96) has been appointed to St. Matthew's Evangelical Church, East Reading.

This time it is Xander who "requires an explanation" from the Editor. He claims he can prove an alibi, on the night of the Sophomore-Freshman fracas—at least so far as Fretz's room is concerned.

Fehr '97 spent a week at his home at Nazareth on account of a sprained ankle.

Struntz '97 made a flying visit to Philadelphia the other Sunday.

Becker '95, has been quite sick for the last few weeks.

Miller N. (in Chemistry).—" Lead is used in making pipes."

Dr. B.—"What kind of pipes?" Miller (brightly).—"Lead pipes."

Referred to some Whys man:

Why, Gold '97 feels insulted when mention is made of the Golden Calf.

Why, Bauer (6 ft. 2) when on the ice always chooses a maiden of 5 ft. 2 in. or under.

Why, Henninger '97 has not yet published his lectures on "Low Life in Philadelphia."

Kistler '95 attended the Evangelical Conference held at Reading, during the latter part of February. He had composed a song, "Where shall we be?" which was sung by the members present. The composition bears high testimony of Mr. Kistler's musical ability.

The familiar faces of many of our old Muhlenberg men were seen in town during the Sunday School Convention. Among others were DeLong and Moyer (ex-94), and quite a number of the Alumni, among whom were W. H. Cooper, '91, and Albright, '93.

LOCALS.

Vacation.

Intersociety Oratorical Contest. All subscribe for the *Ciarla*.

As it seems the Freshmen have decided not to have any sleighride.

The Junior Class has changed its class colors to maroon and white.

The Sophronian Literary Society has procured a number of books during this term. We congratulate the Library Committee on the taste displayed in the selection of the excellent books.

On February 6th, a large number of the students attended a meeting called to organize the Central Luther League, at Salem's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem.

Rev. G. A. Bruegel who has been lately elected German Professor of Thiel College, favored us with a visit of a few days. During his stay he was the guest of our worthy German Professor, Dr. Wackernagel. The Professor will take charge of the Department at Thiel on the first of April.

Dr. Seip has arranged the usual series of Spring lectures for this year. The following are the lecturers: Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, of Lancaster; Rev. Jacob H. Neiman, '71, of Royer's Ford; Rev. Myron O. Roth, '72, of Allentown; Rev. Charles J. Hirzel, '73, of Philadelphia. The subjects and the time have not yet been announced.

The College Missionary Society held its regular monthly meeting on the evening of February 20th. Dr. Wackernagle conducted the devotional exercises. The following papers were read: "Principal Bible Translations" by W.

H. S. Miller, '94; "Foreign Missions, Why?" by H. P. Miller, '96; "Philosophy of Missions" by Marion Weaver, '96. Dr. Wackernagel gave some interesting remarks on Home and Foreign Missions. It was decided to have an open meeting this Spring. The President appointed the following committee to arrange a programme: M. L. Trexler, '94; V. J. Becker, '95 and S. A. B. Stopp, '96.

A meeting of the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Oratorical Union was held at the Hotel Allen on February 24th. new constitution was adopted and Allentown was unanimously chosen as the place for the next contest, which will be held in the Academy of Music, May 19. The delegates that were present are: Walter Clothier and J. Emley of Swarthmore; W. J. Chambers and J. Howell of Lafayette; W. S. Morrill and R. J. Laramy of Lehigh University; P. A. Delong and T. L. Bickel of Franklin and Marshall; F. C. Longaker and D. A. Miller of our College. The colleges whose delegates were not present are Haverford, Dickinson, and Pennsylvania State College. The following officers were elected; President, J. Emley of Swarthmore; Vice President, W. S. Morrill of Lehigh University; Secretary, J. Howell of Lafayette; Treasurer, Win. Webster of Haverford; Executive Committee, Longaker and Miller of our College; Delong of Franklin and Marshall and Tillman of Pennsylvania State College. After the regular routine of business, the proprietor led them into the dining room where a sumptuous dinner was awaiting them.

The Sunday School Convention of the Allentown Conference was held in St. John's Lutheran Church on February 22nd and 23rd. The faculty was represented on the programme by Drs. Seip, Richards, Bauman and Ettinger. The following students were delegates of the different Sunday Schools: Saint Paul's, South Bethlehem, H. C. Kline, '94; Mt. Zion, Lower Mt. Bethel, E. E. Snyder, '95 and J. E. Sandt, '95; St. Michaels, F. C. Krapf, '95; St. Stephen's G. C. Loos, '94 and V. J. Becker, '95; First Ward Mission, M. L. Trexler, '94 and W. J. Ellis, '95; St. Peter's, W. U. Kistler, '94 and L. F. Weddigen, '96; St. Joseph's, East Allentown, C. C. Miller, '97; Salsbury, A. P. Lentz, '95; St. Mark's, South Allentown, W. J. Ellis, 'os and G. W. Genszler, '96' That all might attend the entire session of the convention, and because the 22nd is a national holiday, the faculty permitted the dispensation of the classes on Feb. 22nd and 23rd.

The following was taken from the Chronical and News of March 6th: "The regular monthly meeting of the Lutheran Pastoral Association was held vesterday afternoon, and the elergymen were hospitably entertained by. Rev. T. L. Seip, president of Muhlenberg College, who received a vote of thanks for his generosity. Those present were Revs. Dr. Seip, G. F. Spieker, S. A. Repass, M. H. Richards, Wm. Wackernagle, and A. R. Horne; Revs. J. S. Renninger, M. O. Rath, G. F. Gardnes, C. J. Cooper and J. A. Sheffer, all of Allentown; Revs. W. F. Schoener, C. W. F. Hoppe, W. D. C. Keiter and A. B. Markley, of the Bethlehems; Rev. J.

Q. Upp, of South Easton; Revs. J. E. Whitteker and E. M. Grahn, of Easton; Rev. J. B. Fox, of Slatington; Rev. J. F. Lambert, of Catasauqua; Rev. W. J. Andres, of Bath; Rev. A. E. Erdman, of Nazareth, and Rev. C. E. Sandt, of Freemansburg.

Rev. Dr. Horne presided and a skeleton of a sermon presented by Rev. Mr. Schoener was discussed.

The report of the committee on the better organization of congregations was adopted. The next meeting will be held at the house of Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass, when Rev. J. F. Lambert, of Catasauqua, will present a paper on "Public Worship in Scripture and Practices of the Early Christians."

Three years ago the Ciarla was founded and each succeeding class has continued its publication. The Ciarla of the present Junior class is in press, and will be ready for distribution by the 15th of April. Entirely new and interesting features have been introduced, and the editors have not spared time or labor to make it an annual of much merit. Annuals as well as monthlies are not only an advertising medium but also form handsome souvenirs and the spicy matter with which they—especially the coming Ciarla—abound, is instructive and entertaining. You cannot afford to be without a copy. Subscribe early. The supply is limited, the demand is

The Junior Class elected the following officers for the Spring term: Pres., E. Kistler; Vice President, Gable; Secretary, Behler; Treasurer, Becker.

IN A LITERARY VEIN

The last issue of Harper's Monthly greets us with an interesting, as well as instructive, article on "The Russian and His Jew." Here that subject, which has been agitated, especially since the present Czar rose to the throne, is ably discussed, and in such a manner as to remove some of the objections, held by too prejudiced minds, to the present regime in Russia. In the first place, a general view of the subject is presented; next, the life of the Jew in his relation to the Empire and its inhabitants is pictured; and lastly, the attitude of Germany on the question is treated. Let us notice briefly the divisions mentioned. Of all the Jews in the world, Russia has about one-third, or 3,000,000. They inhabit, for the most part, a strip of land extending from the Baltic to the Black Sea and touching those countries which bound the Empire between these points. The course of legislation, which is being pursued by the Czar towards this people, is regarded by some as being grossly unjust and they would accuse him of reviving religious persecution. This sympathy may be traced, in many cases, to the influence of English newspapers and banks now in the hands of Jews, or to a comparing the Jew of Russia with the one inhabiting our shores. Such a comparison is unjust, for those among us have laid aside many of their customs. The people must be viewed as they really are. their expulsion from Spain in 1492, excited world-wide sympathy, for they were scholars and artisans. On the

contrary, the Jew of Russia is described as being "of the true Shylock type," as wandering through the country and as seeming to have every power subordinated to deceit and a desire for gain; more than this, they are followers of the Talmud and are united into a body as compact as the Mormons. Their persecution, as some choose to call it, is simply the result of the enforcement of old laws, which they, by means of bribes, have averted, but which they can no longer avoid. About thirty years ago, after the peasants had obtained their freedom, they were placed in colonies in different parts of the land, and to-day they are in a lower condition than when slaves. Why? As soon as they had settled, the Jew would creep in among them, start a general store, loan money and, by skillful dealing, would soon become the creditor of the humble and ignorant peasants for miles around. At present the peasants labor simply to pay these debts, which, by the skill of the creditors, are never diminished. When the army officer calls around for recruits, the Jew is seldom at home, and, if there, he presents a certificate showing that he is not of the proper age. Sometimes crimes are perpetrated by this branch of Shem; the unfolding of which embraces the gravest difficulties, and if the guilty ones are found out, the others praise them as martyrs. Germany is, as yet, not much concerned They are not of that kind which, on about her Jews, which comprise about one per cent. of her population. But, should Russia take a more decided stand, she could not extend toleration

to the immense influx which would stream into her already crowded borders.

Prior to the last decade, the only authorities on lexicography, which we as Americans could consult, were the unabridged Webster and Worcester, and even these were becoming slightly antiquated in their word lists. However, during the last ten years, our literature has been very prolific in works of this nature. Webster has been revised, The Century has appeared, Worcester is being remodeled, and, at present, two more dictionaries are being compiled contemporaneously in England and America. Of these two, The Standard Dictionary is the one which especially concerns us here. It is being published by the Funk and Wagnells Co., of New York, and, when finished, will probably be the most complete work of its kind. The staff of editors engaged upon it is composed of Dr. Gregory, of Lake Forest University, Prof. Marsh, of Lafayette, and many others, whose word carries with it authority. Several new features are being introduced into the work. two authorities differ as to the spelling of a word, the more phonetic form is selected; the nouns not proper are not capitalized; the common meaning of a word is placed first, and other slight advances are being made, which, although they may seem trifling, will prove to be of considerable aid. The first volume of the work has already appeared and is described as "an honest and thorough piece of work." It is thought that the completed work will contain about 300,000 words.

It is proper that we should call the attention of the readers of THE MUH-LENBERG to the book which should be of interest to every son of Muhlenberg and which has received the highest commendation of individuals and the press. We refer to: MUHLENBERG COLLEGE. A QUARTER-CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL VOLUME, BEING A HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE AND A RECORD OF ITS MEN. Edited by Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, A. M., Class of '76. The book contains interesting articles by Drs. Seip and Sadtler; a carefully prepared history of the college and the societies connected with it; biographies of Presidents Muhlenberg, Sadtler and Seip, of the other members of the present faculty, all former professors and instructors in the academic department; sketches of trustees, alumni, non-graduates, undergraduates and preparatorians; a report of the quarter-centennial celebration, together with President Seip's baccalaureate sermon; the addresses of Drs. Sadtler and Muhlenberg and other features of the celebration. The book is printed from plain, new type, on fine paper, antique finish, finely illustrated with front and rear views of the buildings, and portraits of the three Presidents, professors and others. It is an octavo volume of 584 pages, handsomely bound, with a centre stamp, in gilt and college colors, on front cover. book may be obtained, postpaid, for \$3.00, by addressing Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, Selinsgrove, Pa., or Rev. C. J. Cooper, Allentown, Pa.





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WOMAN IN PROFESSIONAL LIFE.

WHALL woman enter professional life? The sphere of woman has been extended in these latter centuries, and especially in this century, until her life comprehends vastly more than in bygone times. She has been raised from a position of subjection, and even servitude, to the exalted plane for which her maker seems to have intended her,that of being a help-meet for man. She is recognized as educable, is being educated, for institutions on all sides are opening their doors to her, and the practical question confronts us, whether she shall put that education to any further use than training her children and being the intelligent mistress of a home. We have read: "Mulier in ecclesia sileat," and with all reverence for the writer of that command, we ask: "Sileant num mulieres in omnibus locis?" In speaking of professional life, we may confine ourselves to the professions of law and medicine, for woman's occupying the pulpit involves other questions, and in the fourth profession, that of teaching, she seems to have a natural and acknowledged right.

Women are warned in all sincerity, that by thus boldly entering public life, they forfeit their distinctively feminine character, that tenderness, delicacy, and refinement, in short, all that goes to make woman noble. That this is false, the merest examination will show. The

work of trained nurses is certainly publie, and yet in this work women have distinguished themselves above men by the exhibition of those very qualities which they are now expected to forfeit. Woman need become no virago by entering professional life; she need develop into no Amazon; and though she may lose much of her sentimentality, she can vet retain an abundance of wholesome womanly sentiment. The chivalric notions of the middle ages, which, to a considerable degree, were vapid sentimentality, for they looked upon woman as a plaything, have disappeared, and in their place has come an abiding sense of her real worth, which her entrance into public life need not at all diminish.

This objection, also, is raised, that women, by entering into professional life, must necessarily neglect home duties. This is perhaps the most valid objection of all. Coleridge has called mothers the holiest things alive, and they are holy to just the degree in which they exercise the functions of motherhood. But, if women can be engaged in various business capacities and still be good mothers; if they can be poets and authors and not sacrifice their family duties; if they can be engaged in many outside charities, and yet not forget that true charity begins at home; then they can also enter professional life without detriment to their households. We have heard of

female bankers, railroad presidents, contractors, manufacturers, civil engineers, ranch owners, and especially female merchants, and have yet to learn that their children suffered neglect or lacked maternal care on that account. It would require no very shrewd guessing to conclude that women addicted to fashionable society, are much more prone to neglect their children, than those women who are wrapped up in business. Thackeray's Becky Sharp furnishes a much graver example of maternal neglect than does the Philadelphia female lawver. Women are respected in business, for they have shown themselves often as capable and generally more honest in their transactions than men, and if they are respected in mercantile life, there is no patent reason why they should not receive equal respect in professional life.

We hear further, that women, by entering the professions, drive out the natural occupants of the ground. This objection, in its anxiety to catch its opponent on the hip, has overreached itself and lies sprawling. It is the last weak shaft from a strained bow. If women, by their entering the field, show themselves really superior to men, they have a right to occupy it; and if men are so readily ousted, they deserve to be expel-In these days the world demands the best possible work, whether that work be to chisel a statue or save a life, and if women can do either better than men, that should be their work. ancients had their Sappho, and we have our sisters Cary, Rosa Bonheur and Clara Barton, and if any of them crowded men out of their own particular field, our sympathies are with those who did the crowding. There are trades in which

women have proved themselves the naturally constituted artisans, and by their deftness and dexterity have far surpassed men, and, indeed, actually supplanted them; but we do not, on that account, condemn women for being in those trades. If, then, they show a superiority over men in the professions, why should they be excluded? The objection is a false one. The first occupant is not necessarily the natural one; the best occupant is the natural one.

There are other minor objections, but they can be classed under the greater heads and find their answer there; and, on the other hand, there are strong arguments which could be adduced, why sick women should be attended by women practitioners, and female litigants served by female advocates; but the best defence which can be made for women in professional life is to hold up to view the professional women of the world and learn whether they have fallen below the standard of true womanhood. do not find them to be a masculine or degraded set of beings, shorn and devoid of all true womanly qualities-quite the contrary; being better qualified to answer life's questions, solve life's problems, bear life's burdens, and fight life's battles, they are the better fitted to be wives and mothers. If woman loses none of her womanliness, if she sacrifices no part of her duty elsewhere, if she can make the world better without making herself worse, if she usurps no one's rightful place, then, sentimental objections aside, as she has a right to receive an education, so she has an undeniable right to put that education to practical use.

PICKETT'S CHARGE.

BY J. J. S, '96.

NO other battlefield of the world's history has been so much honored by the erection of monuments and memorials, nor are there any which are so well preserved and unaltered as that of the renowned field of Gettysburg. year thousands of dollars find their way to this world-famed battle ground in the shape of monuments, and now already the entire battlefield is studded with innumerable columns. These, in connection with some of the original breastworks, cannot fail to fill the visitor with feelings of veneration for this consecrated ground. The rising generation can not look upon the green fields of Gettysburg, without thinking of those three days in July, when the sun shone down upon a less peaceful scene. Monuments and memorials have, in this instance, not been erected undeservedly, nor shall they ever outlive their usefulness and purpose in teaching, and reanimating posterity with the great principles which were decided there, by that enormous sacrifice of human blood. As we traverse the historic field, reviewing the fight, as it occurred from the first day to the third, nothing perhaps arouses our imagination, or fills us with greater interest and admiration, than that immortal charge of Pickett and his Virginians.

The second day of the greatest battle of the civil war had ended, with much less satisfaction to Lee and his army, than had the movements of the first. Lee had failed in his plans. He had failed to turn our left and right flanks, neither did he succeed in capturing Cemetery and Culp's Hill, and above

all, he had failed to capture Round Top. The state of affairs, however, did not dampen the spirits of cool-headed Lee, and he at once set about to plan for the coming day, which he knew must, necessarily, be the climax. Lee had been reinforced by Pickett's division of Virginian's, and also, by Stuart's cavalry. Being naturally encouraged by the presence of these troops, he desires to form some sort of a scheme with which to carry out the work of his original plan. Lee saw that Cemetery Hill was the key to the Federal position. He knew that it would require a struggle to gain the coveted ground, but, he also knew, that if successful, the result would justify the risk. He knew by experience the weakness of the Union lines in resisting an attack. He sees, that, if the Federal line is cut in two, he may then ride on unmolested to Philadelphia and Wash-Beside this he knows, that if he can gain but one decisive victory above Mason and Dixon's line, England and foreign powers will begin to recognize the southern cause. Pickett's division of Virginians, "the flower of his army," who had not, as yet, been engaged in the conflict, were present, and beside these, Stuart's brave cavalry men. Who could think of failure with such forces. It was with such thoughts, that Lee determined to cut the Union lines in two, and his sanguinary hopes told him, win the war.

Before daylight on the morning of July the third, Pickett's division was moved from its bivouac to a place called Bream's Mills, opposite Cemetery Hill. Here it was halted and a line of battle formed, but a short time afterward, the division moved a little to the southeast, where it took its final position before the charge. All these movements were executed under cover, from the sight of the enemy, and during all this time not a shot was fired. When the troops were stationed, the Confederate artillery, numbering more than a hundred guns, were stationed so as, first of all, to demolish the Federal works by a bombardment. After all this was in readiness, the Brigadiers were given their instructions by Gen. Lee, and after they returned every man, even the humblest private, was told the plan and surroundings. were informed that Cemetery Hill, but a mile distant, was the objective point. They were to remain in position until the scouts could clear the ground, which would otherwise impede their advance; after that a signal of two guns would be fired and then all the Confederate artillery would open fire and continue until the Federal guns were silenced and then they would be ordered to go forward. Long lines of infantry to the right and left, and somewhat in the rear, would advance in echelon to their support and thus prevent all possibility of attack on the flanks. In the meantime Stuart's cavalry is to be sent around Meade's right flank and attack from the rear, in conjunction with Pickett's charge from This was Lee's plan, and a the front. very plausible one at that.

Meade knowing also, that this day's fight must necessarily be the decisive one, is prepared for almost any movement on the part of Lee. At 1.15 p. m. the signal guns were fired on the Confederate side, opposite the Union center,

then the great artillery battle takes place. While the artillery duel is raging, Gen. Warren of the Union army, rides to the signal station on the summit of Little Round Top, and there discovers the formation of Pickett's men. He communicates the fact to the chief of artillery, and then all the Federal guns are ordered to cease fire. Then it is that Lee is deceived, in thinking the Union guns demolished. The guns which were disabled, are now removed and the caissons are filled with ammunition. But Lee thinking that Stuart, who had been met by Gregg and Custer and defeated in the greatest cavalry fight of the war, had had ample time to fulfill his part of the work, commands Pickett to charge. It is now that Pickett's men emerge from the woods, marching shoulder to shoulder, not firing a single shot. When they reached half way, the Federal guns opened fire upon their ranks and mowed down their men like grass, but on they came not minding the fire. The troops on their right flank, however, became blinded by smoke, and those on the left were swept down by our guns. Pickett's men made a left half wheel to reach the umbrella shaped trees, they became separated into two organizations. But still they came on as brave as ever, and with a shout jumped the stone wall and were within our lines, but the Union troops were quickly rallied and soon they were compelled to lay down their Thus it is that the battle was arms. The field in front of the Union forces was so strewn with dead, that it was possible to walk across the entire field on the dead bodies of men. carnage and such courage were never before displayed. Lee has failed in his last effort and is now compelled to withdraw. The High Water Mark of The Rebellion has been reached and the war practically decided.

After having reviewed the plan and result of this great battle, certain questions at once arise in our minds, as to the sagacity and prudence of some of the plans on both sides. Having read of the brave repulse of Pickett's gallant charge, we are set to thinking, why and what really gave the victory to the Union forces, and having satisfactorily decided that, we next are led to think of what might have happened, if Lee had not ordered this charge, and planned to break the Union lines. We are led to consider, whether it would not perhaps have been more prudent and advantageous for Lee to have withdrawn after the second day. Lee's course on the night of the first day can hardly be understood. The advance engineers of Meade's army had determined that Pipe Creek Heights was the most favorable ground for a battle, and not until after the first day's fight was it decided to move the army to Gettysburg. The battle was a mere accident, and as such, Lee had the great advantage of being on the offensive and at the same time having a greater force within reach. If Lee had followed up the great advantage he had on the first day, who knows, but that there would never have been a second and third, and a victory for the Union troops. Union forces numbered but ten thousand to forty odd thousand of Confederates. Lee had driven the Federal troops from Seminary Ridge, he had driven them from the town and had taken possession of it. In all they had been driven from every inch of ground fought over. Some attribute the cause of this inaction of Lee's to carelessness and delay on the part of Longstreet. However it be, we must thank an ever ruling providence, that Lee did not follow out the advantage he had on the first day.

In the next place we know that Lee held a great council of war on the night of the second day. We remember that Longstreet objected very seriously to the plans, as set forth by Lee. Longstreet saw that they had failed to take advantage of the first day's fight and that the Union forces, reinforced constantly, had already regained all they had lost on the previous day. He saw also, that their army was being strengthened continually, and regardless of the fact, that Pickett and Stuart were in their presence, he believed it to be best to withdraw toward Washington, and thus compel the Union troops to vacate their strongholds around Gettysburg, and to make battle on more favorable ground. Such was the plan of Longstreet, and a very plausible and sagacious one it was, but fortunately for us, Lee saw fit to do the contrary.

Another point which has been severely criticised and censured, and in many cases I think unjustly, is the course of Meade in not taking advantage of his victory, in following the retreat of Lee. It is pretty generally known that Lee expected Meade to yield to this tempting opportunity, but thanks to Meade, he had brain enough to resist it. In an article on this very subject, Col. James C. Biddle says, "Lee had been repulsed not routed, and if Meade had yielded to his own inclination, he would have been repulsed himself and would thus have thrown away the fruits of his great vic-

tory." It is reported that Gen. Long-street himself said, "I should have liked nothing better than to have been attacked, I have no doubt I should have given those who tried it, as bad a reception as Pickett received." Also from the fact, that the soldiers were tired out and in a poor condition in general, Meade's plan, although censured at first, was certainly the best.

Thus we might go on criticising and discussing plans, for there are still a goodly number beside these which merit examination. Having, however, exhausted time and space, we will have to conclude by saying that we are assured, that we have a better and more lasting impression of the greatest fight of the greatest battle, as a result of the labors connected with this work.

LECTURE AND CONTEST.

FRIDAY, April 6, was a day of great interest to all connected with Muhlenberg.

The afternoon was well spent in listening to the able address by Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, on "The Three Great Tendencies in Modern Education."

The Doctor named the Humanistic, Realistic and Religious tendencies as the "Three Great Tendencies." The address called for no comment but the highest praise.

When night came excitement ran high.

The time had come when the six men, picked from the two societies, were to meet in a contest to decide who should represent Muhlenberg in the Inter-Collegiate contest.

Promptly at 8 o'clock President Seip called the meeting to order.

After prayer by Dr. M. H. Richards and singing of hymn, "Te Deum Laudamus," the first speaker was announced. Mr. W. U. Kistler's subject was, "The Purpose of Life." The speech was well written and delivered in his usual forcible style. He cited, as noble examples:

Robert Bruce, Caesar, Cromwell and Washington.

The second speaker, Mr. W. H. S. Miller, spoke on "A Life Model." He cited Byron, Jay Gould and Napoleon as notable examples of avarice and ambition. He represented Gladstone as "A Life Model."

This was a masterly speech.

The third speaker was Mr. F. C. Longaker. His speech, on "The Genius of Romanism," was well received.

After singing of the hymn, "Come, Thou Almighty King," Mr. H. C. Kline spoke on "The Court of Conscience." He claimed, as the highest duty of man the cultivation of conscience.

"International Arbitration" was the subject of Mr. D. A. Miller's speech. In an able manner he made a plea that arbitration should be substituted for war.

The last speaker was Mr. I. T. Erdman. His subject was "Edgar Allan Poe." He spoke in a pleasing manner.

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- "The boughs that bear most hang lowest."
- Dangerous associates—those who are dressed to kill.
- Troubles are like babies; they grow bigger by nursing.
- Encouragement after correction is like sunshine after a shower.
- The light of friendship is like the light of phosphorous seen plainest when all around is dark.

 —Crowell.
- The sweetest word in our language is love. The greatest word in our language is God. The word expressing the shortest time is *now*.
 - The man who runs an auction.
 And watches for a nod,
 Must either be near-sighted.
 Or else he's very odd.
 For when you bid on something.
 He smiles with sweet content,
 And he thinks you nod a dollar.
 When you only nod assent. —New Moon.
- We are as liable to be corrupted by books as by companions. Fielding.
- The difference between a lost art and a lost heart—only an aspiration.
- Time is never more completely wasted than when spent in complaining of its brevity.
- To resent an insult is to be on a level with him who offers it; to overlook it is to be above him.
- There are three things that beat a drum for noise—one is a small boy, and the other two are drumsticks.

- The man who lives for himself, lives for a mean fellow.
- The word d-e-b-t is composed of the initials of "dun every body twice." C-r-e-d-i-t is formed of the initial letters of "call regularly every day—I'll trust."
 - The boy stood on the icy walk,
 Whence all but him had slid;
 Zip went his heels, up went his feet.
 And "wow-wow" went the kid.
 —Binghamton Republican.
- Whatever you are is largely the result of what you were.
- Keep good company and be one of the number.
 - Only letters—naught but letters,
 Yet what stories they reveal.

 Long-forgotton joys and sorrows
 O'er our memories once more steal.

 Fond hearts plighted, hopes all blighted.
 On which time hath rung his knell;
 And these letters are but tombstones
 To the form once loved so well.
- Sir Henry Wotton's definition of an Ambassador was: "A gentleman sent abroad to *lie* for the benefit of his country."
- Hip! Hip! Hurrah! was first a war-cry adopted by the stormers of a German town wherein a great many Jews were put to the sword amid shouts of Hiersolyma Est Perdita. From the letters of these words (Hep) an exclamation was contrived.

 Matthews.
- Memory is the magician. She cuts the fangs from the snakes that stung the past and wreaths them, like rainbow garlands, around its paling brows. The evil days are not to be remembered. Time, as a purging wind, blows them like dead leaves away, as winds winnow the woods in autumn.

 Geo. W. Curtis.

- Smiles are the small coin of Heaven's mint.
- The pyramid of Cholulu, even in its ruined condition, is 160 ft. high, 1400 ft. square at the base and covers 45 acres, while the greatest pyramid of Egypt-Cheops—covers but 13 acres, is 746 ft. square at the base, but 450 ft. high.

- Donnelly.

— The cross is not an exclusive Christian emblem. In the Oriental World it was used many centuries before the time of Christ. Astarte, the Phoenician goddess, was usually figured as bearing what is called the Latin cross, and was so represented on their coin. -Baldwin.

- The ancients had newspapers. The "Ephemeris" was brought out, not only in Rome, but in all the principal towns in the Empire, to keep the citizens informed of all important events. Slaves were employed in the writing offices, and the paper was delivered the first thing in the morning. -Georg Ebers.

THE OLD TIME PEDAGOGUE.

They call'em all perfessors now, these chaps 'at teaches school, Cause they deal eddication by a more refinin' rule, But tho' the intellectual parts with sciences they clog, Th' aint nary one is ekal to the ol'-time pedagogue.

Jerusha! If he had a case of tutorin' to do, He'd make the other feller do a little tootin', too, An' ef the mental engine sorter settled in a cog, With ile of birch he'd start'er, would the ol'-time pedagogue.

His train o' knolledge hadn't no currickeriums, or sich, He engined 'er an' fired 'er an' tended to the switch, An' just as easy as a beaver toppled from a log, He'd land yer at yer station, would the ol'-time pedagogue.

But now-a-days they say a college course is just the cheese, An' what's a college course but atherletics, ef yer please? An' that we got—onless my brain is side-tracked in a fog— In allerpathic doses from the ol'time pedagogue.

-Selected.

A BICYCLING IDYL.

A little girl, with eyes of blue:

A little dog of snowy hue;

A little wheel, with rider rash;

A bark, a rush, an awful crash!

A little scream; a little swear;

A pretty sympathetic air;

A little conversation, leading To blushes, smiles, successful pleading.

A little church; a little bride; A gallant wheelman by her side;

A little kiss, their vows to seal:

A little rival for the wheel.

-Frank Leslie's Monthly.

The carat, a grain of Indian wheat, is used in estimating the weight of gems.

The pearl is only carbonate of lime, is readily affected by acids and burns into lime.

They who have light in themselves will not revolve as satellites. —Anon.

Knowledge without Justice ought to be called Cunning rather than Wisdom.

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THETHER the contributions for THE MUHLENBERG must be handed in on the first or on the eighth day of the month, is a matter which ought to concern only the present staff.

However, we learn of certain persons who profess to know more about this matter than we do, and consequently,

with mingled malice and ignorance, they endeavor to induce the members of the staff to retain their manuscripts until a later day than that designated by the Editor. We understand why this does concern those who are not contributors and who have shown by their action, that they know nothing about literary work. They are ambitious, and failing in the attainment of their aspirations, they turn into busybodies and mischiefmakers.

With envy, malice, conceit and ignorance combined in one person, that person becomes a dangerous nuisance.

It is reported that just such persons, with these characteristics strongly developed, are the busybodies who are endeavoring to create discord among the members of this staff, and, through that, make our efforts at journalism a failure. So far the staff has done excellent work, and we hope they will not be influenced by the counsels of meddling light-heads.

When we entered upon the duties of office, we requested such advice and suggestions as would be for the improvement of the journal, but this meddling is not intended to better either the management or the contents of the college monthly and therefore, becomes simply an annovance.

CASTER VACATION is over. After spending a pleasant week with the folks at home, the boys have returned and are again hard at work.

The Senior has resumed his studies with a mingle of joy and sorrow; joy, because his work is almost finished; sorrow, because of the parting, near at hand.

To him, this short session means hard study. He does not hail the coming examinations with a keen sense of delight, yet he knows that they must be passed, or disgrace will be upon him; so, with a firm determination to conquer, he "grinds and digs" in dread anticipation.

"EADING maketh a full man." — How often are we confronted with the truth of this statement. It is a pet saying of many noted instructors, that a person can not help becoming popular in the space of a few years, if he reads choice literature at least two hours each day.

However, it should be borne in mind, that in choosing reading matter, it should be done with the most careful discrimination, as indiscriminate reading has a most disastrous effect upon the memory, yet its relaxing influence upon the conscience and the moral sensibilities may even be a more serious evil than the debilitating effect upon the memory.

How strikingly do the works of an author impress us with the literature he studied in his youth and was studying at the time of his writing. The exquisite style of Pilgrim's Progress is due to Mr. Bunyan's committing to memory, in his boyhood days, entire chapters of the Bible under the direction of a devout mother.

Louis Kossuth, in his Austrian dungeon, had as his only companion copies of king James' Bible and Shakespeare's dramas. By reading and studying those he became a master of heroic English. The "strange enchantment of his discourse" moved many an American audience and caused them to respond freely to the needs of the Hungarian patriot in exile. Next to acquainting ourselves with good friends is acquainting ourselves with good books.

We clip the following from a noted magazine:

Are you deficient in taste? Read the best English poets, such as Gray and Goldsmith, Pope, Scott and Wordsworth.

Are you deficient in imigination? Read Milton, Akenside and Burke.

Are you deficient in power of reason? Read Chillingworth, Bacon and Locke.

Are you deficient in judgment and good sense in the common affairs of life? Read Franklin.

Are you deficient in sensibility? Read Goethe and Makensie.

Are you deficient in vigor of style? Read Junius and Fox.

Are you deficient in political knowledge? Read Montesquien, "The Federalist," Webster and Calhoun.

Are you deficient in patriotism? Read Demosthenes and the Life of Washington.

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An inestimable privilege is given us by the commodious libraries of our institution and societies. Though their volumes do not as yet approach the million high water mark, yet they contain the choicest specimens of the flowers of literature.

"Read not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted, nor to find talk and discourse, but to weigh and consider. Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested; that is, some books are to be read only in parts; others to be read, but not curiously; and some few to be read wholly, and with diligence and attention."

OUR ALUMNI.

- '71. Rev. H. B. Strodach, Brooklyn, N. Y., has resigned the position of Supt. of English Missions in Pennsylvania, to which he was recently elected. He retains his old charge in Brooklyn.
- '73. We were very glad to meet Dr. John Nicum, Rochester, N. Y., while on one of his customary visits to Allentown between trains. He has a charge of 1600 communicant members, and reports a plate collection for repairs amounting to \$3,600.
- '74. Upon the recent visit of Governor Pattison to Allentown, Capt. James L. Schaadt's company of the Nat. Guard of Pennsylvania distinguished itself by its good drilling.
- '74. Rev. James L. Becker, President of the Norristown Conference, attended the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Ministerium, held in Allentown, April 3rd.
- '75. E. H. Stine, Esq., Allentown, intends to engage in the furniture trade with his father-in-law, B. M. Krause.
- '76. The genial countenance of Rev. S. E. Ochsenford enlivened the meeting of the Executive Committee.
- '78. Dr. H. H. Herbst has been re-elected President of the Board of Health, of Allentown, Pa.
- '78. Prof. Oliver G. Schadt, of Temple College, Philadelphia, recently gave a very successful lecture on "Russia," combined with tableaux and music, characteristic of that country. The lecture was delivered in the New Century Club Drawing Room and the lecturer was introduced by Charles Emory Smith, Esq., editor of the Philadelphia *Press* and formerly American Minister to Russia.

- '83. Rev. John T. Kline, New Hanover, is enrolled in the Post-graduate Department of the University of Pa.
- '84. Rev. William H. Zuber is teaching German and Mathematics in the Greensburg (Pa.) Seminary.
- '86. Rev. Edw. F. Keever, is now pastor of the first English Luth. church in Boston.
- '87. Rev. John W. Richards reports a very successful Easter season at Christ Church, Lancaster, Pa. 'The floating debt was cleared, the pastor's salary increased, and now work will be begun on the main auditorium.
- '88. Dr. Harry F. Schantz is a member of the Board of Pension Examiners, Reading, Pa.
- '90. I. E. Seidle is enrolled in the Law Department of the University of Pa.
- '92. Harvey P. Butz, after taking B. A. at Yale and rested a little, expects to teach.
- '93. E. T. Kunkle is now Principal of Fairview Academy, Brodheadsville, Pa., and we are gratified to hear, is meeting with well-deserved success. From an account of the celebration of Washington's Birthday we clip the following: An address on "Washington as a General," was given by Prof. E. T. Kunkle. This was a masterpiece, showing exceptional talent, deep research, strong individual force and cultivated delivery. And when we consider that the address was of thirty minutes duration, we can realize how splendidly vigorous it was to hold the close attention of the people for that length of time.
- '93. Harry A. Yetter is enrolled in the Law Department of Cornell University. His many friends in Allentown recently had the pleasure of a visit from him, accompanied by Mr. C. L. Bliss, instructor in Chemistry at Cornell.

EXCHANGES.

The *College Student* for March came to our table filled with material interesting both to the outsider and the student.

— The *College Forum* has appeared in a new dress. Its appearance is an exceedingly neat one and it abounds in good matter.

The *College Folio* for March appeared on our table in time, containing plenty of good matter and some exceedingly lengthy editorials. The editors devote more than four pages to their editorial work.

The March issue of the *Red and Blue* contains three excellent productions, namely: "A Mistake," "Busy" and "Billy Brown." These three articles are of a most interesting kind. Such as these go a great way toward making a complete college magazine.

When you write a merry jest,

Cut it short;

'T will be too long at its best,

Cut it short;

Life is brief and full of care,

Editors don't like to swear,

Treat your poem like your hair,

Cut it short.

—Ex.

We have the pleasure of greeting the first issue of the *Normal Vidette*, a quarterly, published by the students of the Keystone State Normal School of Kutztown, Pa. It ably represents all the departments of the institution and has its literary, personal and local columns well filled with spicy material. We prophesy that the *Vidette* will be an excellent means of communication for its students, alumni and friends.

During President Dwight's administration of seven years, \$4,000,000 has been given to Yale.

—Ex.

Noah was the first pitcher; he pitched the ark within and without. The game was called on account of rain.

The lover and the gas are foes,

Without an earthly doubt;

For everytime the one comes in

The other one goes out, —Ex.

-Er.

The University of Cairo, a Mohammedan institution, founded A. D. 973, has over 10,000 students, the largest number of any educational institution in the world. The University of Paris has almost as many. $-E_{v}$.

The Owl for March greets us, full of excellent literary work, such as biographies, poems, sketches, and plenty of material directly concerning the students of its own institution. The article on "Charles Gounod" is a very well written production in the line of prose. The poem entitled "King Robert Bruce," by Very Rev. Aeneas McDonell Dawson, V. G., L.L.D., is indeed an excellent production. It treats of Bruce arriving at Kintyre, - repairing to the Castle of the Island Prince,—he hears of the murder of Wallace, - he raises an army, advances towards Stirling, - comes in sight of the English army,-resolves on an attack, - Bannockburn, - Bruce rewards his allies. Such articles of so high a standard are uncommon in the ordinary college magazine. We therefore hope that the Owl, in its future issues, will continue to bring forth articles of as much merit as those in the March number.

PERSONALS.

FACULTY.

Dr. M. H. Richards made an address at the Easter festival held at Salisbury on April 1st. The festival was well attended and all were highly pleased with the Doctor's remarks.

Dr. G. T. Ettinger delivered an interesting lecture at North Wales Academy, taking for his subject the poet Horace.

Dr. Seip and Dr. Richards attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Lutheran Ministerium, held in Allentown, on April 3.

STUDENTS.

Schofer '97, "Has the honer," as he says, "(to) corresponding to three girls."

Mohr and Reed, both of '96, have left College. They contemplate entering Franklin and Marshall in September.

Musselman '97, has also left College. He expects soon to begin preaching.

Gold '97, has removed his hyacinthine locks. He wept when he saw them mingled in the dust.

Behler '95, has been elected teacher of the German Bible Class in St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

Struntz '97, has left College for his home in Wilkesbarre. We hope to see him back again at the opening of the term in September.

Stopp '95, was elected a member of the choir of St. John's Lutheran church.

Stettler, Yetter and Kunkel, all of '93, were in town during the opening week of the Spring Session.

Muhlenberg has received a new man in the person of Mr. Miller of Slatington. He hails from Lafayette College and will enter the Freshman class.

Gold '97, spent the holidays in Philadelphia.

Xander '96, had quite a thrilling experience when at home. While coasting on his wheel, he took a "header" and was slightly indisposed for a few days. He has now, however, fully recovered from his mishap and in future will give more attention to his ponies than to his wheel.

Druckenmiller '94, delivered an address, at Salisbury, on Sunday night. It was well received.

N. Miller '95, catcher of the College base ball team, has been suffering for the past week with rheumatism in his left arm.

Schmidt '95, has been sick in bed with an attack of pneumonia, during the last three weeks. He is now, however, convalescing, and expects soon to resume his studies.

Krapf '95, spent the Easter recess in Allentown.

Xander '96 and Hunsicker '97, have both left college, the latter for "private reasons known only to himself," though there are rumors that he is soon to become a Benedict.

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Messrs. Mantz and MacKnight, of the Academic Department, are wearing Alpha Tau Omega emblems.

LOCALS.

Baseball.

Botanical Trips.

Lectures—Public and Private.

A Freshman's Plague — Spring Fever.

The Spring Term commenced on the 27th of March. The Freshman Class received a new member and a number of new names were added to the academic roll.

The Sophomore Class has elected the following officers for the Spring Term: President, Samuel Henry; Vice President, Joseph Slough; Secretary, Leopold Weddigen; Treasurer, W. Penn Barr.

The Junior Team has challenged the Sophomore to a game of base ball on the 21st of April. The game will be played at Manhattan Park and there will be a large crowd present.

The Executive Committee of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States, together with some of the members of the Faculty, held its quarterly meeting in St. John's Lutheran Church, Allentown. The subject of beneficiary education was discussed. The other business consisted of the report of the Mission Superintendent and appropriation for the cause, and the arrangements for the annual meeting of Synod.

The Sophronian Literary Society has elected Warren Nickel, '94, President, and John Sykes, '97, Corresponding Secretary, to serve for the ensuing term.

Dr. Bauman has announced to the Sophomores the orders of *Amarylladaceæ* and *Iridaceæ* for the annual botanical prize. The usual prize of fifteen dollars will be awarded to the one who

will prepare the best herbarium and essay on these orders assigned. Let the Sophs show their interest in Botany, so that the number of contestants will be large, for a prize is worth taking if its aspirants are a large number.

The College Missionary Society held its monthly meeting, March 13. Under regular exercises the following program was rendered: Schofer, '97, "Present Condition of the Mission Cause on the Western Coast of America"; Matthews, '96, "The Church of Rome in Mexico"; Snyder, E. E. '95, "Japanese Weddings"; Trexler, '94, "Deaconesses at the Hospitals." Very interesting remarks were made by Dr. Wackernagel on "Deaconesses." The open meeting will be held on the 24th of April at 7.45 P. M.

At the last meeting of the Press Club J. E. Sandt was elected President. The Senior members resigned and the following new ones were elected: Trexler '96, Yetter '96, Miller '97, Behler '95, Miller H. '95, Genszler '96. It was decided that the picture of the Club be framed and hung in one of the recitation rooms.

The Euterpean Literary Society will hold its annual reunion on Wednesday afternoon, June 20th, during commencement week. Messrs. Sandt '95, Matthews '96 and Behler '95, were appointed to arrange a program for the occasion.

The Pennsylvania Inter-collegiate Oratorical Union, of which our College is a member, will present a silver cup to the successful contestant.

At last the Freshmen have completed the composition of their play for the Cremation of Titus Livy. They procured Professor Reichard of this city as their trainer. He was the trainer of the classes '92, '93 and '94. We wish them success.

IN A LITERARY VEIN.

LOSELY connected with the various other duties and pleasures of the Junior class of any college of prominence, stands the publication of its Annual - that exposition of college life with its toils and enjoyments. Upon such a work, the class of '95 of Muhlenberg has been, for some time, engaged; and its Ciarla will soon be presented to take its place among the other publications of the college world. The advance sheets have already appeared; and, judging therefrom, we are convinced that it will hold no mean position, whether viewed as to matter or skill in construc-It is our purpose to review briefly some of its prominent features. First, we meet the histories, headed with this preface:

Edited and annotated
From the latest authentic manuscripts.
With cuts by the artists—and by the

But at once a new feature is recognized, namely the annotations. The object of which is not to cut. They contain no hidden dagger, but consist of pleasant criticisms and reminiscences. Another prominent part of the Annual is the Literary Department, which is divided into four divisions, as follows: I. Descriptive; II. Correspondence; III. Fiction and Poesie; IV. Music. Under the first division occur two excellent The one was written by Dr. W. A. Sadtler, '83, now a member of the faculty of the Lutheran Seminary of Chicago, on the Inner Life of a German University; while the other claims as its author the Rev. C. Ernest Wagner, '84, Prof. of Belles-letters at F. and M., and is entitled: Life at Oxford.

contributions give very interesting descriptions of student life abroad. next head is taken up with a letter from Berlin, Germany, to a student at Mulilenberg. It describes the great street Unter den Linden, Das alte Schloss, in which the royal family resides, the Neuremberg Gate, with its famous statuary, also the visible effects of duelling on the countenances of students. These, as well as other scenes in the great city of Berlin, are vividly described, so that the article throughout is full of absorbing The third part is prefaced with a Poem to Wisdom, which is followed by a treatise on Life's Ends and a serious poem, by "Evangeline," addressed, Why? These, in turn, are succeeded by numerous other poems, etc., among which we pause to notice, Verses to a Bed Bug, The Reveries of my Afterdinner-eigar and Hours with the Prof's, which contain some good class-room puns, also lines To a Fem. Sem. and M. C. '95 to Fem. Sem. '95.

The department of music deserves special praise for the two melodies it The first, Our College Song, contains. is dedicated to Rev. Dr. T. L. Seip, by permission; while the other, of a more lively strain, is A Call to Pleasure. Both have stood the criticism of eminent mu-Another section of the work, sicians. one which we dare not omit, is the N_oO department. In this are included Book Reviews, Quotations and Side-splitters. The part devoted to "clubs," which is often but a series of names, has been carefully constructed with copious notes, cuts and constitutions of some of the organizations, making every division of the book pleasant reading. The work from beginning to end is adorned with cuts, as follows: Ten half-tone, 25 full page pen drawings and 72 smaller drawings, making in all about 107 illustrations.

Among the recent additions to literature, in the realm of fiction, the novel "Marcella," by Mrs. Humphrey Ward, is very noteworthy. In point of time, this is the third of the writer's works; but as to excellence, it stands foremost. The two books which preceded it, although possessing features in substance and style which immediately won popular favor, were lacking, in that they were also characterized by a sombreness and a want of wit. However, in this latest production, all such barriers are removed and the genius, hidden before, now bursts forth in all its fullness, and light takes the place of shadows.

The principal character of the work is Marcella; the theme, the social problem. Marcella is a girl, upon whom this question is working; and while her development is being shown more by her acts than by description, the authoress leads the reader to see a deeper drama being enacted behind this veil of outward acts. Throughout the novel, the high and low of society are contrasted. Marcella, as she strives with her condition, sees, as she thinks, the differences which separate these classes, and, in trying to dispel all such wrongs, learns (to use the writer's words) that, "not in mere wealth and property, but in things of quite another order - things of social sympathy and relation-alterable at every turn, even under existing circumstances, by the human will, lie the real barriers which divide man from man,"

The work is said to contain excellent passages, second only to the best writings of fiction; while through all can be traced a love and a sympathy for humanity, even in its lowest conditions, which captivate the reader at every turn.

In perfect concord with the spirit of the preceding year, when everything had to have something Columbian about it, there was issued a series of twelve works, from the pen of J. R. Musick, which came under the general title of The Columbian Historical Novels. They start with the epoch making event of 1492, and deal with all the principal incidents which have transpired from that time even to the present. But with those events, there are interwoven, threads of love and romance, and some interesting occurrences from the lives of the great actors, that serve to temper the sober facts which would otherwise be uninteresting to the average reader. The last work of this series, a story of the Great Rebellion, has lately appeared, and since the scenes with which it deals are almost modern and still linger in the minds of many, it will no doubt be more interesting than the ones preceding. All these works are embellished with illustrations of the important scenes, as well as with portraits of those who have been the principal actors.

Tramp Life is the subject of a series of entertaining articles now running through the *Century*. The one in the March number deals with the city "vag." It begins with a description of the lowest types, and shows how they too are beginning to specialize and to select certain districts for their operation. — Their various tricks are described, making the articles very interesting.



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MY IMPRESSIONS OF LURAY.

BY REV. FRANK C. OBERLY, '89.

O any one accustomed only to large northern towns and cities, a trip beyond the Mason and Dixon line, or westward from Washington and down the Shenandoah Valley, may seem tedious, unless the traveler is able to find keen enjoyment in the quiet beauty or bold splendor of naked nature. populous towns with their clouds of smoke and many towering church spires are left behind. Very few farm buildings attract one's attention, except it be by way of contrast, for they are generally small, poorly built and without attractive surroundings. There are scarcely any signs of thrift or industry. But in point of variety and beauty of scenery, this valley of Virginia, frequently called the garden spot of the State, will interest the traveler equally as much as a trip from Philadelphia to Sayre, and much more than a trip from Harrisburg to New York. Leaving the enchanting view of the Potomac, one inviting prospect succeeds another. Even by rail many an eminence can be reached where the eye ranges over the whole valley, from the Blue Ridge to the Alleghany Mountains. Here the Ridge does not make the appearance of one continuous solid wall, but winds along in gentle folds, forming a succession of upland valleys with their crystal streams. Add

to all this, that in this valley was heard the din of battle and seen the troops of contending parties in our civil strife, that here and there are monuments erected to unknown heroes,—and there must be a double pleasure for a person to travel through or live in this region.

The stranger who stops in Luray for only a few days, will be likely to go away without any favorable impression of the town itself, however enthusiastic he may have become on account of the Caverns and the grand views of surrounding parts. Though the county seat of Page, it has no more than 2500 inhabitants. The streets are unattractive and houses exceedingly plain with scarcely any architectural pretensions. But a stranger would be a very incapable judge of the real merits of this section. He might be taken to some home whose size, outward appearance and, perhaps, internal furnishing would probably excite a feeling of pity. Yet after enjoying the hospitality of such a modestlooking home, and particularly on measuring intellect with intellect, pity would be forgotten, whilst his judgment of the town would soon be reversed. The motto of these people seems to be plain living and high thinking. The first is a necessity caused by the War and an unsuccessful boom, for hundreds of homes

throughout this district were given to the flames, completely razed to the ground and thousands of dollars were spent for a lost cause. The second principle of life results from past training as well as natural inclination, and is evidenced by two Ladies' Seminaries and a Boys' Military Institute, beside the public schools. A broad education seems to be the chief ambition. Conversation will lead one to conclude, even where it had been least expected, that standard current literature is a prominent factor in the thoughts of the people. So there is every opportunity of moving in an intellectual atmosphere, which does not lack in moral tone. Comparing the town with the average Pennsylvania town of similar size, it is altogether different.

On account of its healthful climate, Luray has become quite a summer resort. The hot summer days are followed by cool nights, during which a delightful mountain breeze prevails. This pen would fain tell of the many picturesque views that may be had, varied greatly by slight change of location; but for lack of skill to do the various pictures justice it must desist.

However, the pride of all Luray residents is the Caverns. Words cannot describe it. It remains for the heart to feel the awful grandeur of this lower world. The visitor can only marvel at the bewildering, ghost-like forms that rise before his eyes in the shadowy distance and are made still more weird by the glow of incandescent lights. The mere mention of several names, by their suggestiveness given to different parts, will be a fair earnest of the amazingly strange sights to be met with in this subterranean labyrinth. Among other

chambers, these are most interesting: Elfin Ramble, Pluto's Chasm, the Ball Room, the Cathedral and Hades. And these are a few of the most interesting objects: Proserpine's Column, the Spectre, Oberon's Grotto, Titania's Veil and the Castle on the Rhine. So this spot is peopled with all sorts of creatures—with fairies and monsters.

"All its walls are strangely sculptured— Column high and chasm wide; 'Tis the place where all the shadows Of the past years silent hide."

It has been visited by many a distinguished scientist — by tourists of every description. Very few days pass when strangers are not wending their way out Main St. to Cave Hill. But it is chiefly in summer and autumn that the town is enlivened by the presence of excursionists and the hotel verandas are filled with motley crowds. The Cave is generally recognized as the most interesting living cave known. A party sent out from the Smithsonian Institute makes the following report: "Comparing this great natural curiosity with others of the same class, it is safe to say that there is probably no other cave in the world more completely and profusely decorated with stalactitic and stalagmitic ornamentation than that of Luray." And a writer in "The Century," on speaking of the Caverns, refers to "the ornamental formations of crystalline rock, which render this cave without a peer in the world, perhaps, for the startling beauty and astonishing variety of its interior," But for the geologist and scientist they have a double interest and have been carefully studied by men of note.

The poetry suggested by the vocal silence of these under-ground chambers was not left to be written by a stranger's hand. It was a native and resident of this quaint little town who

> "Listened to the river's song, Caught the burden of its sorrow, Spelled its tale of love and wrong."

In one of the cave's chasms are imbedded parts of a human skeleton, which has been the subject of no little conjec-But upon the discovery of this skeleton Miss Pauline Carrington Rust founded a story, which she embodied in a beautiful poem entitled, "Legend of the Luray Caverns." The writer has the pleasure of having the original manuscript before him. The poem is published with ample illustrations and is of odd design in both print and binding, entirely befitting the story of an Indian chieftain's grave, and it has received its due meed of praise from prominent American critics.

> "But that lone grave is discovered; And to-day the hurrying tread Of an eager throng breaks rudely On the silence of the dead."

Wherever the Lutheran Church is established, as it is here, one may expect traces of German. What then has become of our rich language? It has yielded to the claims of English. By rare chance old people may be met with in the country, who still treasure it as an heirloom. But with its decay many

of the best ancestral instincts and traits of character have also been lost. speaking of portions of our Church, Dr. Richards lately said: "There are not lacking in our communion those who, in the linguistic transition, have well nigh lost one language without gaining another." Here, however, the transition may be pronounced complete. Another language has been gained, not simply from books, but from parents' lips. By reason of long intercourse and frequent intermarriages with older Virginia families, children have been furnished with an ample vocabulary and expressive idioms, which are to a language what stops are to an organ, or rather what the heart is to the complex human frame. It is from our idioms that vigor, vivacity and sparkling sense are derived. German idioms were long lost or else utterly corrupted before the skeleton of the language was laid away. And mastering idiomatic English, is not a matter of simply a day or a year for either the individual or the community. It involves change of feeling and is interestingly illustrated in a number of families about here. Even in remote country districts the transition has been effected. The tongue is not a safer clew to detect ancestry than the physique.

THE EVOLUTION OF A NAME.

When Hill, the poet, first essayed To push the goose's quill, Scarce any name at all he made ('Twas simply "A. H. Hill.)

But as success his efforts crowned, Rewarding greater skill, His name expanded at a bound, (It was "A. Hiller Hill.")

Now that his work, be what it may, Is sure "to fill the bill," He has a name as wide as day, ("Aquilla Hiller Hill.")

A LIFE MODEL.

BY W. H. S. MILLER, '94.

AN is an imitative being. As a child he is never happier than when he can imitate others in word or deed; and this holds true all through life. There is no time when his eyes do not wander to something he would fain possess. Almost to its last feeble pulse his heart craves that which it is destined never to enjoy, and his soul dreams of higher and nobler qualities which it cannot experience in this life.

Yes, we all dream; and it is then that visions of that character which we most admire loom before us. If those visions are pure, and waken the soul from its lethargy, who can estimate their value? Way down in those dim recesses of the soul, that model which shall henceforth demand respect, has taken root, assumed a definite form, and lives.

Does man ever stop to think how much depends upon that embryonic moulding? That it may serve to impel and guide to some cherished goal, or, like the syrens of old, by feigned kindness, lure to sorrow and destruction?

Again and again does history disclose the fact, that nations and individuals chose and honored what seemed to their more or less enlightened minds, models worthy of their contemplation. To prepare himself for complete submersion in the original principle of all being, was to the Hindoo "the highest wisdom, the ideal of all serious education." To the Spartan, the perfect man was the brave soldier inured to fatigue and readily yielding to discipline; to the Athenian, it was the man who unites in himself the happy harmony of moral and physi-

cal perfection. To the Hebrew, the perfect man was the pious, virtuous man, who is capable of attaining the ideal, traced by God himself in these terms: "Ye shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy."

There are those whose one aim in this life is enjoyment, others crave wealth, and still others power and influence. History and biography are rich in characters whose mistaken fancies eventually led to sad realities or black despair. Byron, that "tutor of passion," is said to have drained the cup of every form of vice to the very dregs; yet the more persistently he sought the enjoyment that should satisfy, the more clearly did it prove itself a mirage. Who could honor Jay Gould with his accumulated millions and covetons disposition as the object of his highest esteem? The once mighty Napoleon, with intellect the most marvelous that ever man possessed, learned at St. Helena, that even the star of an "Emperor of Kings" must one day fade if selfishness and ambition constitute the warp and woof of his nature. No one can long withstand the vicissitudes of life, unless upheld by the very noblest qualities of heart and soul. Sooner or later he must needs find himself, like a shipwrecked mariner, adrift on a narrow plank, with the wide and wild waters raging on every side. Every road of merely human ambition must lead to Alexander's tears and despair.

In vain, then, do we seek a worthy model here below. "Vanity of vanities; all is vanity." Perfection lies beyond; yet now and then God blessed this world with a master spirit, on which we gaze in silent wonder and admiration.

More than eighty-four years ago, in the City of Liverpool, was born the fourth son of a wealthy merchant, one who was destined to become the supreme ruler of the Empire, William Ewart Gladstone. The boy was sent to Eton, and while there gave promise of that brilliancy which characterized the young man at Oxford. He was graduated from Christ church at the age of twenty-two as a "double first class," the highest honor, and one rarely attained. The following year, after a short period of travel, he became a member of the House of Commons; and then began that public career, with its trials and successes, which extends over sixty years, the lifetime of two generations.

Gladstone's greatness has so many phases, that it is difficult to say which is pre-eminent. As a financier and as a popular orator, he stands simply unrivaled. It is said of him, that as an orator, he has every grace but one, having never cultivated the virtue of brevity; but in him this is no defect, for "so sweet and silvern is his speech, that his hearers regret when the stream ceases to flow." His power of endurance is wonderful, he having frequently spoken three hours in debate at the close of a hard day's work.

As a statesman Gladstone is destined to live in history. In his native land he has reformed the tariff, established free trade, and caused the repeal of the paper duty. To him more than to any other is due the honor of having extended "the franchise to the workman of the towns, and the enfranchisement to the rural householder." Secret voting in

England owes its origin to him; and during his administration the first education act was passed. He first disestablished and disendowed a national church; but more than all these, which are but a few examples of his valuable services, Gladstone "the scholar, the statesman, the Nestor of Parliamentary tradition," was the first to bring the most important foreign affairs to "the rude but decisive test of the mass meeting, and transferred the motive force of the British State from Parliament to the platform."

His influence has been felt in foreign affairs for many years. He has done more to create Italy, and to destroy the dominion of the Turk in Europe, than any other man. He enlarged Greece, and secured British influence in Egypt. He established the great precedent of the Alabama arbitration; and first of all, England's greatest statesmen recognized that in the future "the United States will supersede Great Britain as the most powerful of English speaking nations."

It is as impossible as it is unnecessary to review the details of Gladstone's life in order to prove his many-sided great-"There is no man living," said a naval officer, "who would have made so splendid an admiral of the old type as Gladstone, if he had only been in the navy." As the "Knight of Liberty, sworn to the cause of the oppressed," he has done inestimable service to the men of his generation. When once he espouses a cause and believes he is right, he has the moral backbone to stand by his convictions, regardless of consequences to himself; but if convinced of the contrary, he is not afraid to change his position. In regard to the changes of his political opinion, he himself says: "I was educated to regard liberty as an evil; I have learned to regard it as a good. Except in that, I am not conscious of having changed much."

Great in Parliament, wonderful in debate, unrivaled in oratory, he is none the less sincere and devout in his worship to the Almighty. Sabbath after Sabbath, when at home, that grand old man reads the inspired Word to his fellow-men; and thus the services in Hawarden Parish church have come to have a religious importance that is felt throughout the empire.

What is the secret by which Gladstone holds a nation's heart? He has proved himself a man. He is the friend of the oppressed. He regards the common people as moral beings, and has touched their higher nature. They, in turn, cannot fail to recognize in such a man a strong conviction of his obligation to God.

Among the great men whose names shall brightly shine through the dust and din of centuries yet to come, whose fame shall echo and re-echo through the future ages, William Ewart Gladstone shall occupy a leading place. Time has given sainted memories to the great men of the past, but Gladstone lives to-day; and, in defiance of his enemies, bears a character invulnerable, unspotted, pure.

Who can read his life without feeling that there is something imposing, and even sublime in those 84 years, which, like so many arches, carry us back to the days of Canning, of Napoleon, and of Wellington? During all those years of public serving, he was never guilty of conscious wrong-doing. In him we see the realization of our highest ideal of chivalry and self-sacrifice,

"The bard who with some diviner art
Has touched the bard's true lyre, a nation's heart,"
the hero with truth and honor, as life's
highest model, trust in God his guiding
star. If the "paths of glory lead but to
the grave," those of truth and honor
point ever upward.

When the mist shall at last vanish before his view, when the curtain of life for him shall have risen, when his fondest dream shall have been realized and his spirit borne beyond, another man shall take his place, the din of life is never hushed, the world rolls on, but its greatest hero, its grandest character shall have gone forever.

THE OLD COIN.

A massy lump of brass and bronze, Molded by ponderous blow on blow For Nero or Vespasian's son In ages dim and long ago.

A cruel mouth, a swinish chin, A wolfish eye almost erased, But half the date, a victory, Two words, and those almost defaced. Where is the Golden Palace now That on the Palatine arose? Where are the statue-guarded doors? Where are the temple porticoes?

For disks of metal shaped like this, Swords have been drawn and Lethe crossed; For this in greedy hope, men's souls Have been by passions tempest tossed.

This is ambition's rich reward; This is a buried Caesar's fame— Upon a lump of rusty bronze The two-thirds of a doubtful name.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

BY D. A. MILLER, '94.

HERE are pages in the history of every nation that are written in blood. There are pages that we would tear from this book of time; but the Almighty has bound each volume, and, like memories in our lives, they not only mirror the past, but place before us our duties for the future.

War among civilized nations has ceased to be a necessity. There were times when it seems to have been the only means of compelling the stubborn minds of men. But those times have passed away. Human life is held dearer to-day than it ever was. It is not that men are less brave, but more humane. Napoleon's declaration, that "men are but dogs," would now meet with derision. The humbler classes are rising in intelligence and fitting themselves for self-government. A monarch can no longer say, "I am the state." His power has passed into the hands of the people. Those who once were the servants now are the rulers. The farmer is unwilling to have his farm lie fallow while he goes to war. The architect will rather build cities, than go forth to destroy inhabitants for them. The manufacturer enjoys far more to see the smoke curling heavenward from his factory, than from the field of battle. The miner prefers the cold of underground caverns to that of an enemy's dungeon. And why? Christianity and the common schools can answer why. Yet there are other influences working for the preservation of peace. Inventions and discoveries, coupled with the pen, are working wonders.

The cost of modern warfare is so vast that nations cannot afford to indulge in When sentiment and so-called patriotism sway the multitudes, they rush on without thinking and generally reap the sad results of the plunge. In 1870 the French cry was: "To Berlin." Great Britain offered to serve as an arbitrator. France refused. A ransom of 4,000,000,000 francs, two lost provinces, and the final crash of Napoleon's dynasty was part of the price paid for rejecting this proposal. Another important factor is the increasing influence of woman. Spartan and Roman mothers could well address the departing warriors in fearless speech. It would have availed naught for them to speak otherwise. But the modern mother, and especially the American mother, is more free. She hates war. And what the mothers at this dawn of the 20th century hate stands in peril. But woman is not pleading alone. The spirit pervades the entire Anglo-Saxon race. Moral and intellectual victories are sought. Treaties are preferable to swords.

Our country has played an important part in the promotion of peace. Though our victories in war are the envy of nations, our peaceful victories are equally brilliant. The weaker nations call us their friend, and whether directly or indirectly interested, our country has ever been ready to settle disputes by means of arbitration. Scarcely free from the British yoke, she spoke for arbitration in Jay's treaty. Though violently denounced and fiercely opposed, a firm government adopted it, and to-day we

do not consider that our national honor was forfeited. The Ghent treaty which soon followed, was also rich in arbitration clauses. But those were bought at the ruinous price of war. Arbitration to-day means more—it needs no war to clear its pathway. It was not until this age, which may properly be called the Golden age of Arbitration, that the greatest victories for peace were won. They are true victories, because both means and ends were peaceful. During the Civil War Great Britain played the part of a silent enemy towards the North. She permitted her ports to be used for the building and fitting out of Southern privateers; she assisted in ruining our commerce to the extent of millions of dollars, and now was the occasion fully to test Arbitration. It was at this time that the magnanimous spirit of President Grant was fully displayed in words that should be kept in lasting remembrance: "Though I have been trained as a soldier and have participated in many battles, there never was a time when, in my opinion, some way could not have been found to prevent the drawing of the sword. I look forward to an epoch when a court recognized by all nations, will settle international differences instead of keeping large standing armies as they do in Europe." When the warrior pleads for peaceful settlement, there is a double assurance of peace. It was a triumph for American diplomacy when in 1871 a High Commission, composed of distinguished men from the two countries, convened in Washington and arranged the basis of a treaty settling the disputes between the two countries. It was a delicate matter for us, still bleeding from the effects of civil strife, to demand our

at Geneva, settling the monetary question, and the Emperor of Prussia, deciding the boundary line, fought a nobler battle than ever was fought on martial field; won a grander victory than either of the armies could have won. Without the firing of a gun, the two great nations were reconciled, and a victory for arbitration stands as an example for the world.

The Behring Sea Arbitration lately consummated, is the second perfect victory for Arbitration. In this dispute the way of the peacemaker was not an easy one; for our country had already seized British ships found in our territory. But the more difficult a dispute is to settle, the greater triumph it is for arbitration if it can be settled peaceably. To some it may appear an unsatisfactory settlement, yet is it not preferable to war? It is of the greatest importance that this dispute should have been settled by Arbitration, because it established this mode of settlement upon a solid basis and proved to the world that Arbitration is no dream. No, it is not a dream! It has been successfully resorted to in Switzerland for centuries, and that little republic among the Alps puts the stronger nations to shame.

Is it simple fancy to claim that the Geneva and Paris Arbitrations forshadow the longed for peace and good-will among men? They transcend the victories won on the fleld of battle, because back of them lie not, dead and wounded, the beloved ones of many happy homes. Our merchant marine ploughs the seas untrammeled, and our cities, instead of being ruined by bombardments, stand as prosperous fortresses of peace.

War and Arbitration have traveled side by side through the ages; to-day Arbitration triumphs. We herald its triumph with pleasure, because it is just. Individuals and states settle their disputes by arbitration—why shall not nations? Does it cause patriotism to Is he who prevents war no pawane? triot? It requires the highest type of patriotism. To me it is a far grander sight to see a congress of tried jurists deliberating upon and finally settling national disputes, than to see an army arrayed for battle. In an army one master-mind directs; men move like machines, and these are instruments of destruction. In a congress of tried diplomats, the brightest minds of the world are assembled - minds which dare not stoop to wrong.

The efforts made recently to bind the American nation under one grand Arbitration treaty, should not have been defeated by legislation. In the advancement of civilization and the benefitting of mankind, the U.S. should lead the world. There are no aspirations for conquest here. We are not groaning under the weight of standing armies. We are in a position to lead. It is our duty to take the initiative, to form a Supreme Court of Arbitration that will be recognized by all nations. This will not be an easy matter to accomplish, because the great question that confronts the powers of Europe is, not how to strengthen their armies, but how to disband them. The spirit of the Monroe Doctrine and our commercial interests demand such a court for North and

South America. Is our government willing to furnish funds for the proposed Pan-American Railway; can we depend upon investments in states subject to frequent wars as the South American are? There are no military barriers to impede Pan-American Arbitration. Once established here it will soon claim the English speaking nations and then the world. I do not claim that an international code will create the ideal states pictured by Plato or Bellamy; for as long as those who constitute a state are not perfect, we cannot expect a perfect state. But it is evident, that if the armies of the world lay down their arms, the hundreds of millions of dollars which are annually expended to maintain them will be turned into the channels of peace; the men disarmed will seek other employment, and the result will be an improvement in agriculture; a greater development of mines; a wider distribution of manufacturies; a new stimulation to commerce; the building of cities where now all is solitude; the advancement of civilization to a degree unparalleled; and above all a more rapid spread of Christianity.

Arbitration is not the idle theory of a dreamer. It is founded upon the highest law. It is practical. There is no need to prolong the bloody martyrdom of man. Personal, family, tribal and baronial feuds have all become obsolete under the reign of the law, and it is now our duty to put forth every effort to consign to this same realm of oblivion the last unconquered stronghold of barbarism; the feud between nation and nation.

AN AMERICAN RACE.

BY E. E. SNYDER, '95.

the grandest nation should themselves be the grandest race. We have a superior government: are we therefore a superior race? Indeed it is a question of whether or not we are a race. It has been charged that we are a nation without nationality,—that we lack that characteristic, that homogeneousness which stamps itself upon the people of a nation and marks them as a peculiar and distinct race of people; that, while there is an Italian race, a French race, Irish race, and so on through the nations of Europe, there is no American race.

At first thought this may seem a rather sweeping statement, but in the main it is largely true, and as a truth we should give it some thought.

We know very well, without hesitating for one moment, that no other race but a home-born and a home-bred race, with a large preponderance of native blood, can ever love and care for this country.

We must have a nationality for our nation, or the nation must perish.

We not only want America for Americans, but we want Americans for America.

We want a home-born, home-bred race with at least a preponderance of native blood mixed with the best blood of foreign races. Such are a few of the things which we must have in order that we may have a pure American race.

But as things are now drifting, with this constant dumping upon our shores of the offscourings of Europe, Asia and Africa, we are anything but a pure American race, and it seems as though the old native American stock is being bred out of existence.

Foreign races come to our shores faster than they can be assimilated, and our race is lost in them. We invite these foreign races to our shores and they certainly have brought with them their foreign tongues, ideas and methods, burned and seared into their hearts by tyranny, which is the aversion and opposition to all government.

Fear and superstition on account of their ignorance make them willing tools in the hands of unprincipled leaders.

These accessions to our population are not only extremely dangerous to our republican form of government, but are at the same time surely destroying our native race.

But worst of all, we invite all races to come here and mix with our race, and then we stupidly and shamelessly endure the taunt that we are mongrels with the blood of all races commingling in our veins.

History is, it seems, repeating itself; the Indian, who was once monarch of all he surveyed in this great land, slowly went down before the tidal wave of European invasion; and the old native American stock is slowly and sadly, but surely following toward the same inevitable destiny. If unrestricted immigration continue, in less than half a century the pure native American will be as scarce as the wild Indian who once roamed over these hills, their lord and master.

We have heard the cry, perhaps ap-

plauded it, that this country is the asylum for the oppressed of all lands. This saying and its twin brother, namely, all men are equal, has done more to injure the United States than all other causes combined.

However wise may have been the policy in the past, the time has come when unrestricted immigration should be branded as a crime, dangerous to our government, destructive to our home institutions and fatal to the development and establishment of a native American race. We must make immigration elective, and America herself must cast the vote.

The asylum for the oppressed of all lands? How about the oppressed of our own land? How about the American mechanic and laborer, driven from their toil by imported cheap labor hired at starvation wages?

Ah! we see at once it won't do! We possess a fair country, we have built up a fair nation; let us maintain and strive to perpetuate it. Love of race, like charity, should begin at home. Let us pay a little regard to our race, as we have to our nation. Let us better our own race at whatever cost, at any sacrifice, and let other races take care of themselves.

THE '95 CIARLA.

OLLEGE LIFE is a life of its own. The peculiar works of students are generally viewed from different standpoints. But as sentiment is usually not on the side of the student, how then can the outside world obtain an adequate idea of real college life? Nearly every college of prominence issues an annual of some sort. Three years ago the Class of '93 began the publication of a yearly . issue, the "Ciarla"; '94 seconded it, and '95 has not lagged behind, but has exemplified its literary abilities in the publication of the present volume. What others say, says more than we can say, conscientions though we be.

"It is no discredit or disparagement to the volumes that have gone before, to say, that the Ciarla for this year is prettier and better than ever. Its color is striking and augurs well for the contents... The contents are no less noteworthy than the cover. The reading matter is entertaining and amusing, bright and breezy. The crispness of the volume is decidedly refreshing. The pages are liberally besprinkled with group photos and with numerous and clever cuts designed by members of the staff. . . . The volume is neat and pretty typographically. The Class of '95 can feel very proud of its issue of the Ciarla."—The Item.

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EDITORIALS.

HE next number of The Muhlen-Berg will be a Commencement Number. It will contain the Baccalaureate sermon, orations, and a full account of the happenings during the week of Commencement. We will endeavor to make it as interesting as possible. E have heard very little of the coming Freshman play, yet the class of '97 has not been idle, and Titus Livy will again be subjected to such torture as only a Freshman's mind can devise. Of course, theirs is a "new conception," an "entirely original plot," and "surpasses all previous productions."

E are unable to explain why the Inter-Collegiate Press Association did not meet at Philadelphia on the 21st of April. Neither do we know why the President of the Association did not answer our inquiries.

So far as we were able to ascertain, THE MUHLENBERG was the only journal represented at the place of meeting on April 21.

HEN a game of base ball is to be played between the "nines" of two colleges, large posters, with a glaring head line—Base Ball—are displayed on the bill boards. The Inter-collegiate Oratorical contest, in which eight of our Pennsylvania colleges are represented, will soon be held in this city. The contest is announced by posters of only one-fourth the size of base ball posters. The announcement is a simple statement that there will be an oratorical contest, taking it for granted that everybody knows what the P. I. O. U. is.

Is this contest, in which eight colleges are interested, of less importance than an athletic contest in which only two colleges are interested?

ANY Alumni Notes reached us too late for last month's issue. They appear in this number. It is never too late to do good; so in this case, better late than never.

OUR ALUMNI.

- '75. Rev. Chas. H. Hemsath, Roseville, Ohio, has accepted a unanimous call to Conyngham, Pa., and will enter his new field of work in the beginning of May.
- '78. Dr. Henry H. Herbst is still President of the Allentown Board of Health.
- '82. St. Paul's Lutheran church, Flicksville, Pa., Rev. J. W. Lazarus, pastor, was recently rededicated. The building, which was erected in 1849, has been enlarged and greatly improved. When Rev. Lazarus came to this charge in '87, 43 members communed at this church. By confirmation and otherwise the membership has increased to 131.
- '83. We were very glad to shake the hand of our old "chum," Charles E. Keck, Esq., of White Haven, Pa., who recently visited Allentown in the interest of Congressman John D. Robinson, candidate for the Republican nomination of Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania.
- '83. Rev. John J. Kline, New Hanover, Pa., is enrolled in the Postgraduate Department of the University of Pa.
- '84. Rev. Alfred J. Breinig's address has been changed to Prince, Carbon county, Pa.
- '85. Rev. Charles W. Jefferis, North Wales, Pa., delivered a very interesting lecture on "Napoleon," in the course of the North Wales Academy.
- '86. J. Jeremiah Snyder, Esq., has been re-elected Clerk of the Water Board of Allentown.
- '87. The genial countenance of Rev. Tilghman F. German, of Philadelphia, recently enlightened the chapel of his Alma Mater.

- '90. Dr. Alfred J. Bittner, a graduate of the Medical Department of the Boston University has opened an office on Hamilton St., Allentown.
- '90. John F. Saeger is now a partner in the milling business of the Saeger Milling Co. We advise all our married Alumni to buy the well-known Saeger brand of flour.
- '90. Dr. Alfred J. Yost, as Coroner of Lehigh County, is constantly growing in popularity.
- '91. M. J. Bieber and H. F. Seneker have been appointed two of the three representatives on the commencement program for graduating day at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mt. Airv.
- '91. W. W. Kistler has accepted a call from the Coopersburg charge, consisting of Coopersburg, Apple's and Blue churches.
- '91. Geo. S. Butz and Ed. D. Meixell will be graduated at the coming commencement of the Reformed Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.
- '92. Harvey P. Butz, A. B., Yale, '93, expects to teach.
- '93. A. O. Ebert is teaching a select school at Lynnport, Pa.
- '93. W. F. Mosser has been appointed instructor in a private school at Lynnville, Pa.
- '93. For a number of the "Alumni Personals" in this issue, we are indebted to P. Geo. Sieger, a student in the Mt. Airy Seminary, who, we hope, will continue to send notes of the doings of "the boys." And to all others we again say: "Go thou and do likewise."

EXCHANGES.

The Red and Blue comes to our table well filled with such a diversity of articles as would suit the taste of any one. One very interesting production is the Red and Blue's Complete Letter-Writer. That which makes it so commendable is that it diverges from the well-beaten path of college-magazine articles. We consider the Red and Blue to be one of our best exchanges.

BEFORE AND AFTER.

He called her "dear," he took her hand;
Somehow she seemed to understand,
And when the soft June days had come,
When roses bloom and brown bees hum.
Two souls with but a single thought
Had sweetly into one been wrought.
And, later, as the months went by
On wings that always seemed to fly.
He paid her bills year after year,
And with a sigh he called her "dear." —Ex.

In the College Student for April we notice an article which evidently will interest the alumni of Franklin and Marshall College very much. It is entitled "the class of 1841." It consists of a sketch of each member of that class, only five in number. The author of these biographies must have been intimately acquainted with his subjects, or had excellent means of obtaining information about them. This article will be concluded in the next number of the College Student.

The April issue of the Swarthmore Phoenix contains two excellent literary productions: "The Spoils System, its Origin and Growth," and "A True Story of the War." These articles show the result of careful thought and extensive reading.

As usual the *Owl* comes to us so full of interesting and useful matter, that it would take a much better critic than we profess to be, to name those articles which should receive the highest praise. So we will not mention any of them for fear of slighting some whom others deem more worthy. The staff must be an excellent one which can compile such a complete college journal as the *Owl* is.

In the days of old,
When knights were bold,
And barons held their sway,
Men got together
And swore at the weather,
Just as they do to-day.

—Ex.

The Gustaviana for April came to our table filled with matter, interesting to the student and all others interested in Gustavus Adolphus College.

We have the pleasure of again greeting *The Lafayette*, which for the last few months has failed to reach our table. In this issue there seems to be a lack of literary articles, although the local and personal columns are more than copiously filled.

A recent issue of *The Ossarist* contains an excellent sketch on the "Character of Oliver Goldsmith." It not only gives a history of his life, but also criticizes his poems and introduces many clippings from his rhymes into the article.

In the *Buff and Blue* for April we find several excellent articles, both in poetry and prose.

PERSONALS.

FACULTY.

Dr. T. L. Seip attended the 25th anniversary of the Alumni Association of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, held in Philadelphia. He delivered the opening address, taking as his subject, "The beginning and growth of the Alumni Association."

Dr. W. Wackernagel preached at the dedication of a new German Lutheran church at Audenried.

Dr. Ettinger will again take charge of the Classics at Chautauqua, this summer. The Doctor was also elected chairman of the Allentown Luther League.

STUDENTS.

Longaker '94, attended the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pa. Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Union, held at Hotel Allen, on the 25th of April.

Stopp '95 rendered a piano solo at an entertainment given by the Young People's Guild St. John's Reformed church.

Cooper '96, was elected Secretary of the local Luther League.

Dr. W. to Kistler, E.: "Mr. Kistler, who followed after the Father of Idealism?"

Kistler (caught napping): "The son."

Gold '97, who was sick with neuralgia, was removed to his home in Nazareth.

Kuntz, Ex-'96, spent a week in Allentown, and while here called upon many of his old class-mates.

Kistler, E. '95, preached a sermon in Zion's Evangelical church, on the 22nd of April.

QUERY: Do we turn out our good men or our poor men?

Weddigen '96 was ill for a few days with tonsilitis.

A CLIPPING.

The mitten Killian received from his girl on Lehigh st., was made from the yarns he spun while paying attentions to her.

Heintz'94 delivered an address at the entertainment given by the Young People's Society of Emmanuel Evangelical church.

Fretz '97 left for his home in Doylestown on account of sickness.

Gangewer, Academic, was taken sick with the measles and at once removed to his home.

Leidy '96 was elected Business Manager in place of Snyder '95, who resigned.

J. W. H. Miller '97 is the latest addition to the fraternity Phi Gamma Delta.

Killian '95, the other night, was surprised to find that his friends had kindly anticipated his wishes, by removing his trunk from the College to his future residence on Liberty street.

Miller '94 and Sandt '95, were in Philadelphia, on April 21st, for the purpose of attending a meeting of the Inter-Collegiate Press Association, which was to be held at the Colonnade Hotel, on said day.

LOCALS.

- The Senior examinations will be held on May 12, 14 and 15.
- Rev. J. Teleen, Superintendent of Foreign Missions for the General Council, gave a very interesting address in the chapel, on the morning of April 19. He appealed to the students for workers in the Foreign Missionary Field.
- On April 14, the College base ball team defeated the Seaton and Baines Club, semi-professionals of this city, in a very interesting game, by a score of 10 to 5. Our boys played well and some brilliant plays were made on both sides. The battery was Leidy '96 & Miller '95.
- The open meeting of the College Missionary Society, held on Tuesday evening, April 24th, was a very successful one. The programme consisted of readings and musical selections by choruses of young ladies. A very pleasing address was delivered by Rev. J. F. Lambert '88, of Catasauqua, on the subject, "Missionary Work." All the seats in the chapel were soon filled and many of the appreciative audience were compelled to stand. The collection, lifted for the furtherance of Missionary projects, amounted to a large sum.
- We clip the following from the Bethlehem Times of April 29th: "The Lutheran Missionary Society and its many friends were treated to an entertaining and very humorous lecture on Wednesday night, by Prof. Ettinger of Allentown. The subject was "Life's Lottery" and was handled by Dr. Ettinger in a charming manner. The lecture was one of the most entertaining of the present course."
- The Executive Committee of the Inter-collegiate Oratorical Union of Pa. met at the Hotel Allen, on April 25th,

- and decided to hold the contest on Wednesday evening May 16, instead of May 19th, as was announced before, in the Academy of Music, in this city. Those present were Mr. Howell, of Lafayette, Mr. Clothier, of Swarthmore, and F. C. Longaker, of our College. The prices of admission will be thirty-five and fifty cents. Cash prizes, which have not yet been agreed upon, will be given to the best and second best speakers.
- The class of '94, accompanied by Dr. Bauman, made several geological trips this spring. Among the places they visited were the stone quarries at Freemansburg, Coplay Cement Works, the slate quarries at Slatington and the coal mines at Lansford, Carbon county. Judging from reports, they enjoyed their jaunts. All greatly appreciated the kindnesses shown by the proprietors and owners of the places they visited. Especially grateful are they to Mr. Manly, of Lansford, who through his efficient guidance and congenial manner, did so much to make their visit both profitable and pleasant.
- The regular monthly meeting of the College Missionary Society was held in the College Chapel, on April 10th. Under regular exercises the following papers were read: "The Doctor's Missionary Work," by Kistler '94; "Second Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions," by Behler '95; "A Plea for the Heathen Chinese," by Miller, C. '97. Dr. Wackernagel, Weaver '96 and Cooper '96, were appointed delegates to attend the Local Luther League Convention. The following officers were elected: President, Sandt, '95; Secretary, Steinbicker, '96; Treasurer, Fehr, '97.



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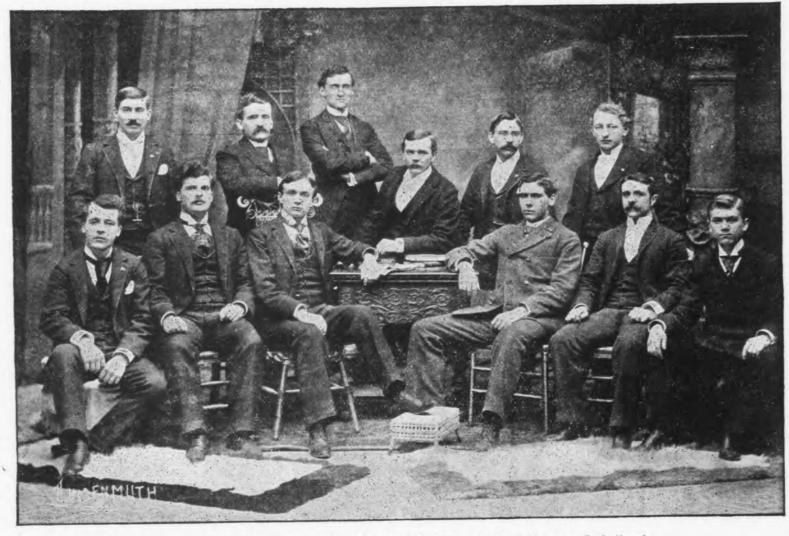
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BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

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ROVERBS 3:13–18.—"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou caust desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her."—

We have selected our text from the Proverbs of Solomon, whose name itself is proverbial for wisdom. Instruction by proverbs has been common in all countries, and has exerted a powerful and lasting influence upon the nations of the earth. The great antiquity of the use of the proverb is evident from the reference to it in the first book of Samuel, 24:13, where that ancient writer quotes a proverb of those whom he styles "ancients" already in his time. Among the Greeks it was in use in the earliest times, and the seven wise men of Greece were each famous for his proverb, which was inscribed on pillars of stone, and held in great esteem by the people.

The reason for its prevalent use, both in ancient and modern times, is evident from the nature of the proverb itself. It is a saying which gives a general idea in a concentrated, pithy and striking form, and hence is easily understood and remembered. In fact, it is the form, and not so much the idea, that gives currency to the saying, and establishes it as a proverb. The idea of many of the most popular proverbs is trivial, or a mere truism, or a half truth, or even false when tested by proper ethical standards. A true proverb contains the results of men's wisdom, experience, and observation, crystalized in language. — When the contents of the proverb is true, it is a most easy and profitable means of instruction, as old proverbs, or common savings, have great weight and influence on the opinions and conduct of men.

The proverbs of the ancient heathen, however valuable for their worldly wisdom, and those of the moderns, however pointed and expressive, are not to be compared with the proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, king of Israel. For the latter were written by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, while the former lack the sanction of a divine original.

In truth many of the sayings of ancient heathen sages, and of philosophers

of modern times, so far as they are true, can be traced to their Hebrew originals in the writings of Solomon. It is well known that through the intercourse of wise men of the nations of antiquity with the children of Israel, much of divine truth was spread abroad in different parts of the world. Solomon was a king distinguished for his extensive sway and vast revenues; for the splendor of the temple known by his name; for the magnificence of his numerous palaces, his throne of ivory, vessels of gold, and dresses of Tyrian purple, for his great public works, his extensive inland trade, and important alliances, as well as for his wisdom, his poetry and his knowledge of natural history. Not only did the queen of Sheba visit him, "to prove him with hard questions," but "all the earth sought to Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart." So that the wise sayings of Solomon were carried into various countries by the tributary princes and the sages of that age who visited his royal court. By these, many a truth uttered by Solomon, was given currency among the peoples of antiquity, and have come down from them to our own age, in modified form, in many languages.

The proverbs of Solomon were the chief storehouse of moral instruction and of practical wisdom for God's people under the old dispensation, and hence are the principal source of Old Testament Ethics. They make a practical application of the moral precepts contained in the law, to the life of man in all conditions, relations and positions. Used in the light of the New Testament, they have always been a school of Christian morals to the most devoted servants of

Luther says of the book of Proverbs: "It may be rightly called a book of good works; for Solomon there teaches the nature of a godly and useful life,so that every man aiming at godliness should make it his daily handbook or Book of Devotion, and often read in it and compare with it his life." For a long time, the book of proverbs was used in Scotland as a reading book in the schools, and the sturdy virtues of the Scotch people is attributed by its own great scholars to this fact. ridge says: "The book of Proverbs is the best statesman's manual which was ever written. An adherent to the political economy and spirit of that collection of apothems and essays, would do more to eradicate from a people the causes of extravagance, debasement and ruin, than all the contributions to political economy of the most eminent writers together."

Dr. Gray says, the Proverbs of the inspired son of David "are so justly founded on principles of human nature, and so adapted to the permanent interests of man, that they agree with the manners of every age, and may be assumed as rules for the direction of our conduct in every condition and rank of life, however varied in its complexion, or diversified by circumstances; they embrace not only the concerns of private morality, but the great objects of political importance."

They are therefore especially applicable to the young, whose life-career is just opening before them, and some of whom, in the natural course of events, will become the leaders of thought and action, the moulders of opinion, and centres of influence for good or evil, in private and public life, among their fellow men.

The young stand in particular need of divine guidance, of wisdom and understanding, to fit them for their mission here, and for a happiness that is based on a life of rectitude and duty; that is hid with Christ in God. They need at the very threshold of their career, good counsels and wise precepts, to influence their conduct, and to inspire them with high ideals and worthy aims and purposes in life. In the words of our text, the inspired writer gives us such a precept, urging upon our consideration

The Benefit of Wisdom.

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding: For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold."

Let us consider in the first place:

1. True Wisdom and the Happiness with which it is connected.

What is True Wisdom?

The last verse of our text describes it under the figure of a tree of life. "She is a tree of life to them that lay hold of her." Wisdom, therefore, is life and gives life. This truth is exemplified by the divine writer, in many ways in the present chapter, and in the most divine relations of life, both temporal and spiritual. Under the figure of a person, perhaps of a bountiful queen, dispensing gifts to her faithful and loving subjects, and offering them to all who will submit to her government, she appears with length of days in her right hand, and in her left hand riches and honor.

The man who finds this heavenly wisdom, which is revealed in God's Word, and consists of the knowledge and love of God, and conformity to his will, has

the true principle of life within him. To him, wisdom is a tree of life, and that too of long life, often even in this world, and certainly in the world to come. To him, wisdom is life and gives life. lives in conformity to the precepts of temperance and virtue, inculcated by our holy religion, and thus promotes his physical as well as his spiritual health By the grace of God, he oband life. tains the mastery over himself, chastens and subdues his passions and appetites, resists temptations to evil, controls and directs his mental powers and pursuits, and by wisdom in all things, observes such a physical and mental regimen, and even course of conduct, as is most conducive to health and long life, and to the highest prosperity.

pates his highest and noblest spiritual faculties, and becomes a free man in the Lord. He protects himself against morbid excitements of body and mind, cultivates his entire personality, body, mind and spirit, in harmony, and thus secures conditions that lead to a happy, peaceful and prosperous life. The man who findeth divine wisdom, and thus by God's grace becomes master of himself, in addition to his inward mastery and freedom, also obtains the mastery over the outward natural life, and has restored to him, at least in its essentials, the dominion over the external creation which God gave him in Paradise. Thus outward prosperity, whatever his earthly riches may be, is added to inward peace. trusts in the Lord with all his heart,

and leans not to his own understanding.

In all his ways he acknowledges Him,

and He directs his paths. He is not

wise in his own eyes, but fears the Lord,

By this divine wisdom, he emanci-

and departs from evil, and this wisdom is health to his body and marrow to his bones. He honors the Lord with his substance, and with the first fruits of all his increase, and so his barns are filled with plenty, and his presses burst out with new wine. He does not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor grow weary of his correction, for he knows, that, whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. Happy is the man that findeth this wisdom with all its attendant external blessings. But far above all the treasures of earth-more than gold; silver and precious stones, he prizes the favor and grace of God, and the communion of the saints in life. He engraves the precepts of heavenly wisdom on the tablets of his heart, and so finds favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man. The wise, discreet and godly, everywhere, command the respect and favor of their fellow men, not always of those of the baser sort, but of the better classes, of those who are the pillars of social order and prosperity in every community. But not only do they enjoy the respect of their fellow-men, and the love and fellowship of those who are themselves wise and devout, but they find favor in the sight of God, which is the highest and most precious of the many blessings of wisdom.

But what is this "favor in the sight of God," this most precious blessing of wisdom, but the being a true child of God through Christ Jesus our Lord.

And here we find the connecting link between the endaemonism, or doctrine of happiness, of the Old Testament, and the teaching of Christianity in the New. We pass from the Old Testament doc-

trine of rewards, that were for the most part earthly, to the spiritual realistic teaching of the New Testament. the child of God, who finds favor in His sight as a consequence and blessing of wisdom, aims far more at a prosperity which is heavenly, than at that which is earthly; at one that will endure not only for the brief time of this life, but for eternity. Sonship and fellowship with God, childlike faith and loving obedience and dependence on Him, are then not only the end, but also the motive of the entire thought and activity of those who have found wisdom. secondly:

How is this Wisdom to be found?

Certainly we can not find it unless we seek for it. And we have the blessed assurance of our Lord, that, if we seek, we shall find. The only way of attaining this wisdom is that laid down by God himself,-faith in the revelation of His grace. We must devoutly, prayerfully and faithfully use the means of grace, and not resist His spirit working in and through His Word and Sacraments. These are the means divinely ordained, by which alone we can hope to obtain grace, and happy is the man who hath found this wisdom. "For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies; and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her." As the merchant trades for gain and the accumulation of silver and gold, giving his time, thought and effort incessantly to this one thing, and finding his chief happiness, not only in the possession, but in the getting, the accumulation of earthly riches, so if we would attain unto wisdom, we must make it the chief object of our pursuit. time, our thought, our effort must be given to it, so that we may not only obtain it by the grace of God, but may grow in it, and use it for our own improvement, and for the benefit of our fellow men. We must be willing to give up every thing that may hinder us in our pursuit of it. We must seek for it as the pearl of great price, and secure it at any cost. In another place in his proverbs (23:23), Solomon exhorts us to "Buy the truth." He does not say at what price, for he means that we are to buy it at any price, at the cost of every sacrifice of earthly advantage, of mere wordly pleasure, of everything that we could desire, that would prevent our attaining it. If we would find wisdom, we must obey the command of Christ: "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me."-John 5:39. "Wisdom is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her." We must therefore lay hold of wisdom, if we would obtain its fruits of life. It is freely offered to us through our Lord Jesus Christ. But we must reach out the hand of faith, and lay hold of the blessing. But it is not enough for us to get wisdom in order to be blessed of God. We must retain it. "Happy is every one that retaineth her." It is a sad reflection that even Solomon, who wrote these inspired words, and who knew so well the great blessedness of wisdom, while he found favor with God and man, himself afterwards failed to retain it, by yielding to the seductions of the tempter. His melancholy history, his fall from his high estate, and his utter ruin should be a sufficient

warning to all of the imperative necessity of retaining wisdom, of persevering in the divine life to the end. By the grace of God, men may be permanently happy by walking in wisdom's ways. For "her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace." Thus through Christ by the abundance of His grace, they may obtain length of days, true riches and honor, and a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Young gentlemen of the Graduating Class!

Permit me to urge upon you the importance of the lessons contained in this text. "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom." All men desire happiness, and you are no exception to the rule. Many, however, fail to understand in what true happiness consists. strive after wealth, fame, power, and earthly pleasures, and in them seek their happiness. Many are willing to sacrifice even truth and duty, rectitude and virtue, every thing noble and sacred to obtain these objects, in the hope of attaining happiness. Comparatively few are always willing to do the right to their own hurt, to be governed by principles of rectitude, when they know that the consequence will be present suffering and disadvantage. So strange is the desire for what men regard as happiness. But, my young friends, remember that true happiness does not consist in the abundance of the things that a man possesses, nor in fame, power, or earthly pleasures. Men may have all these and be most wretched. The later life and history of king Solomon himself, not to mention other examples, most abundantly proves this statement. And "what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul." — Matth. 16:26. All the pleasures, the treasures, the pomp and glory of this world shall pass away, but there is a life hereafter, which shall never pass away, and only those are truly happy, who have found wisdom, "for she is a tree of life to them that lay hold of her." Men seek for worldly wisdom, and it is good that they do, for it is useful and necessary. The young spend years of toil in school and college, to acquire useful discipline, knowledge, and the lessons of the wise, who have toiled in the past, and have recorded their labors in pamphlet and tome for the benefit of posterity. But a man may be learned without being wise; nay, he may even be wise after a fashion, in worldly wisdom, and yet fail of that true wisdom, which alone can make him truly happy. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Seek the wisdom that cometh from above and maketh wise unto salvation. This is the only true wisdom that can make you happy in this world and the next. "And if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." - James 1:5. you have found this wisdom and gotten understanding, then you will possess a transcendent happiness, one far greater than can be found in all the treasures of earth. If the blessings of long life, riches and honor, pleasantness and peace are added, you will use them wisely for the glory of God and the welfare of man. Silver, gold and precious stones minister to the purposes and adornment of the body mainly, but wisdom is the ornament of the soul. As the soul is unspeakably more noble than the body, so is wisdom more noble than all earthly treasures. King Solomon was rich in gold and silver and all the products and treasures of the known world, and yet he exalts wisdom above all earthly good. We remember and praise him thousands of years after he died, not for his wealth, which has passed away, but for his heavenly wisdom, which shall never perish, but shall ever bloom and bear fruit as a tree of life in the Paradise on high. Do not, with the children of this world, look with delight and desire upon the forbidden tree, and eat with them the fruit of death from it. Do not choose folly instead of wisdom. Whatever your attainments and equipment for usefulness in life, whatever your rank or condition, whatever your development of character, whatever your mental and physical endowments, all these without wisdom, will fail to make you happy, either here or hereafter. With wisdom, you can welcome prosperity and improve it, or you can defy adversity and profit by it; you can enjoy innocent pleasures, and thank God for them; or you can resist the allurements of evil and be the stronger because of them. With wisdom, you can employ your powers and attainments most successfully in the accomplishment of your highest aims and purposes in this life, and by grace can win the welcome plaudit: "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy lord."-Matth. 25:23. Verily, "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom," - Happy now, and happy in eternity. May God grant you all this heavenly wisdom through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

VALEDICTORY.

BY W. H. S. MILLER.
(First Honor.)

DURING all ages dissatisfaction with condition and position seems to have been a predominant trait of man. No matter what he may have accomplished in the past, he gazes ever upward and hopes and sighs.

There are longings rooted so deeply in the human heart, that they can never find expression in words. There are desires, giving promise of a noble work, hidden within the bosom of many a man, which, like "flowers born to blush unseen," must remain forever silent; for though at one moment their realization may seem within reach, yet at the next, they vanish in the distance.

Still man hopes and hastens onward. Hark! We hear the echo of the advance march of the civilized of every age and clime. On their banner shines one and the same inscription: Onward! Some are inspired to work a nobler good, others would satisfy a petty ambition for a higher place. A worthy example has moved some, discontent with the allotments of Providence others. Their desires, be they worthy or not, are directed ever onward.

It is even so with nature. Behold how the monarch of the forest stretches higher and higher to meet the silent rays which give him life. The creeping vine is not satisfied to wind its lithe form among the grasses and ferns, but secures a higher place on the elm. The flowers of the field take one step toward the skies, and then sigh their fragrance upward. Even "the sleeping lakelet in the meadow dreams of stars." Truly all

nature points upward, as if to make obeisance to the "Great White Throne," and reflect, in part, its simplicity and purity.

It is, then, natural for man to desire advancement; but, of all the energy he has put forth during by-gone ages, what a vast amount has been perverted,—how much has been in vain! History can hardly turn a page that is not darkened by perverted energy and misdirected talent. Biography can reveal the record of comparatively few lives, whose beauty is not scarred by ambition, avarice, or revenge.

Wars have always sacrificed precious lives, wasted needed capital, and perverted the best talent, skill, and energy Yes, even when "all Euof the times. rope mustered in the name of the Lord of Hosts," with the cross waving on their banner, and the holy sepulchre their watchword by day and night, how many were moved by a spirit of love which Heaven could sanction? Though their destination was a country made holy by a Saviour's tread, what eternal blessings would have been theirs, if, instead of whitening the sands of the desert with their bleaching bones in an endeavor to reach the tomb of the Saviour, they had been equally zealous in teaching the spirit of His gospel! The millions who were engaged in the Crusade doubtless burned with an ardent passion to see Palestine in possession of Christian nations; but is the world to-day any better in consequence?

What if no part of the talent and skill which have startled the world, had ever

been perverted! What results dare we not imagine? Alexander might have wept because there was no other world to lay ready for a Saviour's coming. Caesar might have subdued the Gauls and Britons for a higher purpose, and directed his wonderful talents in a nobler channel. Louis XIV. spent for wars and wasteful extravagance an amount equal to nearly 500 millions of dollars, a vast sum for those times. What if he had expended half that amount in educating and ameliorating the masses! How much he might have done to avert the dark days of that terrible impending Revolution, we leave to historians to answer. Had their talent been properly directed, Rousseau should have been an Augustine, Voltaire a Paley, and Hume a Butler.

Perverted energy and misdirected talents have been the causes of a great part of the unhappiness of all times. are some in every path of life, whose work might have been more successful if they had pursued some other course. In their intense anxiety for happiness, in one form or another, they followed what appeared to be the direct line, never dreaming that happiness is a syren difficult to win, and who, when won, only too frequently lures to sorrow and ruin. It is true, Antony wooed and won her in love, Brutus in glory, Caesar in dominion; yet, the first found disgrace, the second disgust, the last ingratitude, and all destruction. Ah, it is too often thus. In his burning restlessness to struggle above the clouds that surround him, man will either scheme for the praise of the world, and win that "shade of immortality, fame"; or he will deny himself for the sanction of Heaven, and

win eternal life, for

"Souls immortal must forever heave At something great—the glitter or the gold— The praise of mortals, or the praise of Heaven."

We, to-day, a class of nineteen young men, clad in the armor of a christian training, and equipped with an education that should win success, step out from the direct protection of our alma mater to meet the raging elements of a busy, exacting world. We cannot hope that no part of our energy shall never be perverted. That would not be in accordance with the natural trend of life; but ere the parting word be spoken, we would breathe a prayer that Heaven pilot us through life's tempestuous sea, and land us safe, each one, on the golden shore beyond.

To you, kind friends and citizens of Allentown, our parting word is one of gratitude. During the time we have moved in your midst as students, you have shown us favors and encouragements, the memory of which will ever remain pleasing to us; but, however pleasant and cherished, time works an end to all things, and, with its many changes, moves ever onward. Though it were sweet to linger, we must move on. Farewell!

Gentlemen of the Board of Trustees: Whenever in the future we shall call to mind the advantages we have enjoyed at Muhlenberg, your unselfish efforts dare not pass by unnoticed. You have our respect for the relation you hold to our alma mater; our honor, because we think of you as the noble cause of all our privileges. Though you may not remember us, we cannot forget you.

Gentlemen of the Faculty, Professors: The exercises of this day have become, to a certain degree, a matter of yearly They mark the beginning of a new era in our lives. We are about to change theory for reality, dependence upon the sturdy oak, for a standing alone.

The seed you implanted is a noble one. It is ours to cherish and nourish it to a noble development. Ere it be too late, we would thank you for the good you have done us. Our subsequent life must be all the stronger because of you; and it is our earnest wish that good men, who have felt your influence, may continue to go out from your class-rooms, and thus present continuously to the world a living testimony of your successful work. Farewell!

Our worthy President: It is with feelings of sadness that we, as a class, turn to you for the last time. There were moments when some of us might have gone astray, had it not been for your kind, yea fatherly advice. We shall not endeavor to thank you in words, but hope to show the love we have for you and the College you so nobly represent by our course in the future. We respect you as an executive, we admire you as a thinker and teacher, we honor you as a man, we place our highest confidence in you as a christian. May your work continue to be successful. May even higher honors be yours in the future than have been in the past.

Fellow students of the lower classes: The class of '94 has moved amongst you during the past few years. It is needless for me to say that the ties of friendship between us cannot be readily bro-

ken. In shifting our responsibilities upon your shoulders, we would only bid you guard faithfully the honor of your college, keep the fair name of Muhlenberg unspotted; and then, success be yours abundantly. Farewell!

Fellow classmates: The hour has come, and our college days are over. Though anxious to do our little share of the world's work, the memory of old days comes to us now as never before. Those happy hours are gone, this congenial company must separate, college cheers will henceforth sound strange to us; but, though other duties claim our attention, the same sympathetic and kindly feelings must always continue to exist.

Thus far we have come through life unscathed. In the words of the great Webster, "the past, at least, is secure." What the future may have in store for us, no man can tell; but this we know, the same trials that have disheartened others, will challenge us; the same sorrows that have shrouded others in gloom, will now and then throw their mantle over us; the same enemy that has ruined others, will devise plans to make our life a failure. But oh! Let us cherish the faith our common mother has so earnestly endeavored to strengthen. Let us act well our part, and leave the issue with God.

But why linger, why delay? Let us look again into each other's faces, and clasp each other's hands; and now, farewell, a last farewell!



JUNIOR PRIZE ORATION.

ISRAFEL.

BY EDWARD HAINES KISTLER.

N Heaven a spirit doth dwell
Whose heart-strings are a lute;
None sing so wildly well
As the angel Israfel,
And the giddy stars (so legends tell).
Ceasing their hyms, attend the spell
Of his voice, all mute."

This song welled from the heart of one of the most imaginative of America's poets—Edgar Allan Poe. Early an orphan, by nature cut off from all true friendship between man and man, we find him drifting along with the tide, whithersoever it listed. Now we see him as the adopted son of a wealthy Virginian, Mr. John Allan, revelling in all the bounties and luxuries wealth could furnish. Now, as a handsome gentleman of fashion he appears before us in the garb of a student in the famous University of Virginia. Again, we behold him engaged in the drills and subjected to the strict discipline of West Point-only to be expelled for minor misdemeanors after a short time of nine months. But Poe had been steadily drawn into the field of literature by that magnetic force which is given only to genius. The poems of his youth spurred him on to the triumphs of his manhood. "Tamerlane" pointed forward with prophetic gesture to the "Raven." Now the fire of genius burned in his soul and made his literary life a success. Short was his life, but brilliant his career; checkered his existence, but unquenchable his genius. Charmed by the elfin fascination of his works, let us with kindly hand draw the curtain of forgetfulness o'er his last days, remembering that a poet has lived, forgetting that a way ward wanderer has passed from sight.

Permit me now to call your attention from the poet to the poem, from the artificer to his workmanship. Preeminent amongst the jewels of thought, half-hidden, half-revealed in the poem Israfel, is that Kohinoor of sentiment - "Whose heart-strings are a lute." True it is that only that song is valuable which bursts from the fulness of the heart. The creations of theory, and the productions of genius in the wide realm of music, may charm the senses and enwrap the mind in the embrace of a Lethe, lulling men into forgetfulness, holding them spellbound, transforming them into images, until, at his will, the musician ends his enchantment, and men awake exclaiming, "How grand, how delightful!" But that is not true music. It must be conceived in the heart, born in the heart, nurtured in the heart, and live there. True music will transform images into men; will lull the distressed, not into forgetfulness, but into rest; will rouse men to action and make them men. Only the songs that have rise in the heart spring of the soul, can, as a flood, o'erwhelm the souls of men.

Hark! I see an exile, far from friendly land, far from soothing hand, spurned by all, loved by none, weeping as he sings, "Be it ever so lowly, there's no place like home." I see one who is heart-sore, wretched, friendless, and weary, singing the same strain. I see—an innumerable throng, whose hearts are bleeding at the loss of their loved ones, longing for some cheering word, for mother has gone. Tell me that the brilliant pyrotechnics of some genius will

soothe those hearts? Nay. The songs of the soul are alone able. The "trembling, living wire" can alone do that.

What is it that rouses the energies of patriots when the fatherland is endangered? What is it that inspires new life in the midst of reverses, and quickens the lagging footsteps? What was it that during the Civil War so often kindled anew the smouldering spark, raised anew the dying zeal? Those songs that rang the death-knell of the rebellion. Those songs which the "blue vault of Heaven" reechoed above the waves of the Atlantic and the summits of the Rockies; above the capitol at Washington, and the host before Richmond. Yea, bid the invader tremble and turn; for we have a battle-hymn for each conflict, a Yorktown for each Cornwallis, a Marathon for each Darius. Where is that American who is so unfeeling, so unpatriotic, so unworthy the name of American, whose heart does not bound with love for his country as he hears: "From every mountain-side Let freedom ring."

Those songs, too, alone lift the heart to God, which come from the heart. Go; learn a lesson from Nature. Where'er you may turn, whithersoever you may look, the anthem of Nature rises unto her Lord. The warbling of the birds in their innocent happiness, the trilling of the rills, the murmurings of the Zephyrs, the wild melody of the ocean, the harmony of the spheres,-all these sing us of God. For Who, but a Master-mind, could design and control all these wonders of His? Learn of Nature. Go, and do thou likewise. How weak and insignificant are the cold and formal technicalities of some

church-choirs, as compared with that burst of heart-music we often hear in the grand battle-hymn of the Reformation:

"A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon:
* When their worst is done,

They yet have nothing won, The Kingdom ours remaineth."

The poet has hidden the thought, too, that the heart is the mainspring of ac-The intellect may be brilliant, but no true act can be produced unless the sensibilities be aroused. Intellect is the objective side of man; the sensibilities, the subjective. A man's intellect reflects to us his vision of the universe: his sensibilities reflect to us himself. No original volition takes place from the intellect alone. The subjective part of man must first act, and this shows us the power of the heart - ofttimes so great as to act in opposition to the intellect itself. When the great Gustavus Adolphus had followed the Imperialist Tilly to the boundaries of Bavaria, the river Lech flowed between them, swollen by the rains of Spring. His generals counselled him not to attempt to cross. Tilly was waiting for him on the other side with 22,000 men. Brushing aside these obstacles of intellect with the courage of his mighty heart, he said, "Shall we, who have crossed the Elbe, Oder and Rhine, nay, even the Baltic itself, stop disheartened at the river Lech?" He crossed and But we need refer only to our country for instances of the case in point. At the beginning of the Revolution, Lord Fairfax, who dwelt on the Potomac, realizing the justice of our cause, decided that his lot must be cast with the mother country. "He went

over grandly and solemnly." At the beginning of the Civil War, Robert E. Lee sat in his house by the Potomac, doubting and delaying, and finally went almost tearfully with old Virginia. Lincoln, realizing the costs involved, in the grandeur of his heart, gave the world a new race. Need we multiply examples? The heart is the motive power of man.

Since this is true, since that lute, whose strings are those of the heart, is the most harmonious and enrapturing of all, we see the necessity of keeping it perfectly tuned to the true standard, the Divine. There must be no discortant string of self there, that one tone upon which so many harp, yet so disagreeable and harsh. He who has no thoughts of God and his fellow-men, deserves no place amongst them, and surely will find none. His proper sphere is in some hell, alienated from God, from men, from devils, alone to wallow in his miserable self, as the swine wallows in the mire.

This lute, too, must be tuned by adversity. Our nature is not perfect. Our hearts are not melodious. Here a string must be tightened, there another, before the Master-musician can draw from us the music He desires. You cry out with pain, you writhe in rebellion, when He takes a loved one from you. Patience; 'tis but His hand, attuning you for the melodies of the Beyond.

Yet here we can never hope for perfection. The perfect seems to be an *ignis* fatuus, just beyond our reach; a mirage, just a little farther on. The Israfel of the poem sang in heaven with its sunshine and its joy.

"But this
Is a world of sweets and sours;
Our flowers are merely — flowers.

* * * * *

If I could dwell

Where Israfel

Hath dwelt, and he where I.

He might not sing so wildly well

A mortal melody,

While a bolder note than his might swell

From my lyre within the sky."

COMMENCEMENT NEWS.

SUNDAY. - Baccalaureate Sermon.

The 27th Annual Commencement of Muhlenberg College began on Sunday morning, June 17th, at 10 o'clock in St. John's Lutheran Church. President Dr. T. L. Seip delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon to the graduating class, consisting of 19 young men, who occupied the front pews. The church, handsomely decorated for the event with roses, ferns, daisies, and laurel, was filled with students, friends of Muhlenberg, and members of the congregation. The members of the class were escorted into the church by Rev. Dr. Richard. Rev. Dr. Repass

conducted the services. The entire sermon will be found on the first pages of this number.

Senior Reception.

With longing did the Seniors await the annual reception of Dr. Seip, which was given on Monday evening, June 18. This is one of the incidents of Commencement week, which is fraught with more felicity and pleasure than any other occurrence during the week. Not only did the Seniors enjoy the reception, but all who were connected with the occasion. We might even say that the lower classes enjoyed themselves in "doing away" with a few of the provisions beneath the spreading chestnut tree; while pale Luna was sweeping leisurely across heaven's brow, these gallant youths, with spoon and plate, did ample justice to this "second" spread—sub rosa of course.

The Class of '94 will ever recall with the most vivid pleasure the reception accorded them by Pres. Seip and family. Dr. Seip was assisted very ably in the delicate function of receiving and entertaining the nineteen Seniors by Mrs. Seip; his daughter, Miss Annie; his sister, Miss Hattie; his son and daughter in-law, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Seip; his niece, Miss Mary Seip, of Bath, and by the Misses Belle Krause, Gertrude Colver, Adelaide Richards, Mary Schindel, Mame Fox and Dr. M. Margaret Hass-Several hours were very happily spent in social communion, during which interesting and profitable conversation, choice vocal and instrumental music and elegant refreshments made up an attractive program. President Seip, while carefully and sedulously providing mental pabulum during the college course, did not overlook the creature comforts, so that the Seniors and their fair entertainers found an amplitude of good things provided. All felt that it was good to have been there and the nineteen Seniors, wherever they may be hereafter, will often recall with intensest thrills of pleasure the President's reception.

TUESDAY. - Titus Livy.

It is no discredit to the other plays, that preceded the one given by the Class of '97 in Music Hall, on the evening of June 19th, to say that this year's cremation of Titus Livy was the best and most polished of its kind. It contained no

hidden daggers or stinging remarks, but from beginning to end it was of the highest order. Mr. Fretz performed his part most nobly, while the others did theirs to perfection. Financially it was also a success. We trust that each succeeding class will continue in this one respect, that is, to produce a play which reflects credit upon the institution which they represent. The following was the cast of characters:

| Livy, A College Professor F. K. Fretz. |
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| Satan, King of Chaos J. W. H. Miller. |
| Beelzebub, Prince of Chaos J. H. Sykes. |
| Abe Bumm, What's in a Name? C. C. Miller. |
| Tom Halton, Jack McKee, Harry Flunk, Members of Class'97 { W. D. Kline. J. F. Stine. C. W. Lawfer. |
| Mr. Alexander, A Photographer A. S. Schenck. |
| Sue Tabel, Livy's Ward W. H. Fehr. |
| Mrs. Faded, His Housekeeper I. O. Nothstein. |
| Bob Dash, The Ladies' Friend G. F. Kuhl. |
| Octette, Students, Imps, Witches, etc. |

The Synopsis of the play was as follows:

Prologue-Chaos.

A Transformation.

Beelzebub to Earth.

Act I.-Photographers Studio.

The First order.

A visit from the Boys.

Traced at Last.

Act II.-Livy's Library.

Tom's Reception.

A Revelation.

Act III.—College Campus.

The Accusation.

United Once More.

WEDNESDAY.

It was said that never in the history of old Muhlenberg has there been such a plethora of oratory and logic and of so high a standard as greeted the audience that assembled in Music Hall, on Wednesday morning, June 20th, to listen to 13 members of the class of '95 pour forth their eloquence in contest for the Clemmie L. Ulrich prize of \$25.00. The cap and gown-clad Juniors spoke as they never spoke before.

The Junior Order of Exercises were as follows:

MUSIC.

Prayer by Dr. G. F. Spieker.

MUSIC.

A true Patriot Forley Astor Ebert.
The Idea Incarnate. Preston Alburtis Behler.
MUSIC.

William Shakespeare..... Luther Dech Lazarus. Whither Bound?.......Joseph Herbert Stopp. Freedom of Conscience..... Ammon Alvin Killian. MUSIC.

A Lurking Danger...... Elmer Ellwood Snyder. The Defender of the Union.... Warren Jacob Ellis. Be or Seem; Which?...... Harry Philip Miller. MUSIC.

Man's Purest Treasure....Charles Edward Kistler. The Atom in the Molecule.....John Elmer Sandt. "The angel Israfel, whose heart-

strings are a lute"......Edward Haines Kistler.
MUSIC.

True Americanism. Frederick Charles Krapf.
Originality in Literature . . . Andrew Philip Lentz.
MUSIC.

Benediction by Rev. Prof. Turner of Lutherville Seminary.

The judges were Thomas A. Saeger, Marcus C. L. Kline, Esq., and Rev. Geo. W. Richards.

Euterpean and Sophronian Reunions.

In the afternoon the Euterpean and Sophronian Literary Societies held reunions. The exercises consisted of music and speaking. Both societies had sent out printed invitations, to which many alumni responded. They were interesting gatherings and many pleasant thoughts and expressions were interchanged.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The Trustees of Muhlenberg College had their annual meeting in the afternoon. Those present were the Rev. Drs. Repass, Seip, Spieker, Schantz and Hinterleitner, Rev. Messrs. Bauer, Schmauk, Schindel, Kepner, Cooper, Ziegenfuss, Ochsenford, Frey and Becker, Hon. Edward Albright, S. M. J. Shimer, A. G.

Saeger, T. W. Saeger, Ulrich, Steckel, and M. Potteiger.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass; Secretary, Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss; Treasurer, Rev. C. J. Cooper.

The following resolutions were adopted by the board:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees cheerfully grant Rev. Dr. Seip, President of Muhlenberg College, permission to be absent from the institution to enable him to visit Europe, and that the Board wishes him a safe journey and return.

RESOLVED, That Rev. Dr. Seip be authorized to represent Muhlenberg College at the bi-centennial of the institutions at Halle and present the congratulations of this institution.

RESOLVED, That Rev. Dr. Seip be furnished letters of commendation to institutions of learning which he may have occasion to visit during his absence.

The members of the Executive Committee were reelected. Hon. Edwin Albright was elected in Dr. Spieker's place, owing to the latter's approaching departure. The examination committee was also re-elected, with Thos. W. Saeger in place of Dr. Spieker. The committee on honorary degrees was also re-elected. It consists of Rev. Drs. Seiss, Spieker, Repass, Horine and Hinterleitner.

The following report was presented by the financial secretary and treasurer, C. J. Cooper:

| Receipts of the permanent fund\$ | 7,859 | 05 |
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| Expenditures from fund | 6,391 | 30 |
| Balance \$ | 1,367 | 75 |
| Receipts of current fund | 13,559 | 82 |
| Expenditures for salaries, interest, repairs, improvements, advertising, gas, steam and heat | 13,543 | 22 |
| Balance | 16 | 60 |
| Bills receivable over all bills payable | 506 | 90 |
| Total Endowment fund 1: | 35,412 | 54 |
| | 38,053 | |

The Alumni Reception.

The Alumni of Muhlenberg College held their reunion and reception under the most favorable auspices in the college chapel, which had been elaborately decorated for the occasion, mostly with rhododendrons and ferns, on Wednesday evening, June 20th. In the northwest corner of the chapel, the most attractive spot evidently, was placed a large table, presided over by Mrs. H. H. Herbst and Mrs. Edw. Stine, from which the young ladies of St. John's Church dispensed refreshments throughout the evening. While the meeting was extremely informal, there was a program gone through with to the entire satisfaction of every one. It was as follows:

Duet "Qui Vive," Misses Mays and Mosser. Solo "Voix du Matin." Miss Boyer. "Our Alma Mater" Rev. Frank Fry. Solo..... "Valse Gentile." Miss Mays. "Our Alumni" Rev. S. E Ochsenford. Mrs. Miller. Solo...... "A Shepherd's Tale." Miss Romig. "The Wild and Wooly West"...Rev. Dr. Weidner. Solo "Polka Brilliante." Miss Shimer. Vocal Solo. "Within Celestial Dwellings."

"The Ladies". J. J. Snyder.

Vocal Solo "The Day is Long."

Mrs. Miller.

Solo "Spring Dawn."

Miss Mays.

The addresses were all very bright, but the one that caught the audience, especially the women, was Mr. Snyder's remarks on sweethearts and wives. Mr. Snyder evidently has had lots of practical experience with the former, and has fine spun theories as to the latter. The speech was brisk and breezy and abound-

ed in apt poetry and good stories.

THURSDAY .- Commen ement Day.

In the morning of Thursday, June 20, Dr. Seip announced the promotions in the college chapel. Mr. Ira T. Erdman, in behalf of the class of '94, presented the Faculty and Trustees of Muhlenberg College with the portraits of his class. Dr. Seip then bid the departing class farewell in a very touching manner. -The hour of ten arrived, then came the joyful moment. It has been said that the most important days in a man's career are his birthday, his wedding day, and the day on which his funeral is held. Yet we believe that the most important day of college life is Commencement Day. Music Hall was crowded "from pit to dome." After a selection by the orchestra, President Seip called upon Rev. Revere F. Weidner, D.D., LL.D., President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, at Chicago, to offer the opening prayer, after which the orchestra rendered another selection. The following programme, in regular order, was then rendered:

Latin Salutatory. Geo. C. Loos. (98.186), First Honor. MUSIC.

"The purpose of Life"......... William U. Kistler.
"The Court of Conscience," Harry C. Kline (95.818)

MUSIC.

"International Arbitration".... David A. Miller.
"Our Republic's Perpetuity"...C. D. Zweier (96.49)

MUSIC.

German Oration. Frank C. Longaker. (97.37), Second Honor.

"Oliver Cromwell" Martin L. Trexler MUSIC.

"Siegfried and Kriemhild," Fred. W. Wackernagel.
"The Rock of Ages" Edwin S. Woodring.
MUSIC.

Conferring of Degrees By the President.

Distribution of Prizes.

Announcements.

Benediction.

The degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred upon all the members of the class of '94, which were as follows:

George D. Druckenmiller, Old Zionsville; Ira T. Erdman, Allentown; Malcolm W. Gross, Allentown; J. William H. Heintz, Philadelphia; Allen V. Heyl, Allentown; Wm. U. Kistler, Lynnville; Harry C. Kline, Philadelphia; Frank C. Longaker, Linfield; George C. Loos, Philadelphia; William H. S. Miller, Allentown; David A. Miller, Allentown; Samuel P. Miller, Allentown; Warren Nickel, South Bethlehem; George S. Opp, Bethlehem; Martin L. Trexler, Bernville; Frederick W. Wackernagel, Allentown; Edwin S. Woodring, Allentown; and Charles D. Zweier, East Greenville.

The degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon the following members of the class of '91:

Milton J. Bieber, Kutztown; William H. Cooper, Allentown; Prof. Martin S. Harting, Oley; Chester F. Kiehel, Rochester, N. Y.; Wm. W. Kistler, Leibyville. Edwin D. Meixell, Lancaster; Harrison E. Moyer, New Windsor, Md.; Hiram F. J. Seneker, Bristol, Tenn.; Charles C. Snyder, Sellersville.

The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. Prof. Revere F. Weidner, '69, of Chicago, already a D.D. and an L.L.D., and upon Rev. George H. Gerberding, '73, of Fargo, North Dakota, recently elected a professor in the Chicago Theological Seminary.

The Amos Ettinger honor medal to that member of the senior class having obtained the highest average grade during the year in all his studies, presented by Prof. Geo. T. Ettinger, to Wm. H. S. Miller, of Allentown.

The Butler Analogy prize of \$25 to that member of the Senior Class standing the best in a competitive examination upon Butler's Analogy, presented by Hon. Cyrus R. Lantz, of Lebanon, to Edwin S. Woodring, of Allentown.

The Clemmie Ulrich prize of \$25 for the best oration as to matter and manner in the Junior Oratorical Contest, to Edward H. Kistler, of Allentown.

Marcus S. Hottenstein, of Allentown, "Narcissus," won the \$15 Eliza botanical prize, presented by Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., of Pittsburg, for the best essay and herbarium on "The Orders of Amaryllidaceae and Iiridaceae."

After several announcements by Dr. Seip, the Commencement of 1894 was brought to a close with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Laird, of Philadelphia.

Meeting of the Alumni Association.

On Thursday afternoon at 2.30 the Alumni Association held its regular session in the college chapel. Eighty-one of the Alumni were present. The President being absent, Vice-President Rev. J. H. Neiman presided. G. D. Krause, '79, was elected to the Presidency of the Association; P. H. Beck, M. D., was elected first Vice President, and Prof. J. R. Merkel, second Vice President; Prof. G. T. Ettinger, Ph. D., was elected Corresponding Sec'tary and Treasurer; and Rev. Prof. J. A. Bauman, Ph. D., was elected Secretary. Dr. Seip announced to the Association that the Literary Societies desired the cooperation of the Alumni in carrying out a plan for the more complete gathering of news concerning the Alumni for the Alumni Department of The Muhlenberg. Dr. Ettinger was appointed chairman of a committee to devise proper plans, P. Geo. Sieger was appointed to represent the Euterpean Society and Rev. J. A. Scheffer, '72, to represent the Sophronian Society. The entire class of '94 entered the Association.

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EDITORIALS.

HILE reposing in the old editorial arm-chair a curious thought came flitting by. It was this: A yearly duty -Pay THE MUHLENBERG subscription. We believe that there is still "one" who has not paid his subscription. Please do not forget us.

TE take pleasure in announcing the election of Rev. Dr. G. F. SPIE-KER to the Burkhalter Professorship in the Mt. Airy Theological Seminary, as the successor of Rev. Dr. C. W. Schaeffer. For a number of years Dr. Spieker has been our Hebrew Professor. Realizing our loss, we are pleased to know that the Seminary has procured an eminent scholar and an able instructor.

N another page we have inserted the picture of the Press Club. Through the kindness of the '95 Ciarla Editors we have been permitted to do so. For three years this club has done some telling work for Muhlenberg College by keeping the different publications posted with the doings of our institution.

ITH this issue the present board of editors bids farewell to the readers of THE MUHLENBERG. It has been our endeavor to make this journal as purely literary as possible, and we feel safe in saying, that our wishes have been to a large extent realizad. We do not wish to appear boastful in saying, that THE MUHLENBERG has risen to an exalted position among college journals. letic news we have none, so we have striven to fill our pages with interesting as well as useful matter. To our successors we would say, follow our footsteps, not in all respects, but in this one -try to make your journal one of merit; the rest will take care of itself.

With our best wishes for the future of THE MUHLENBERG, we leave our editorial sanctum, well knowing, that our successors will do fair justice to the position they have been called to fulfill.

So we say, farewell!

OUR ALUMNI.

'69. Our First LL.D. At the recent commencement of Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Rev. R. F. Weidner, D.D., of the Theological Seminary at Chicago. As Dr. Weidner was our first D.D., so he is now our first LL.D. His own Alma Mater has also given him the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology. We of course extend our heartiest congratulations for the honor thus bestowed on Dr. Weidner and Muhlenberg College.

'71. Dr. Richard H. Beck, Hecktown, Pa., has, if possible, increased his interest in Muhlenberg and is now First Vice President of the Alumni Association.

'71. Benj. F. Knerr, for many years in the Minneapolis High School, now lives in South Evanston, Ill., where he is interested in a patent method of using oil for fuel.

'71. Among the rarer faces last week we noticed that of Rev. A. J. Long of Stouchsburg, Pa.

'71. Rev. H. B. Strodach, Brooklyn, N. Y., is as enthusiastic and wholesouled a Muhlenbergian as ever.

'73. The Board of Trustees conferred the degree of D.D. on Rev. George H. Gerberding of Fargo, North Dakota. Rev. Dr. Gerberding graduated from the college in 1873 and is now pastor of a Lutheran mission at Fargo, N. D. He has, however, accepted a position as professor in the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary of which Rev. Dr. Weidner is president. Rev. Dr. Gerberding is the author of several church books, among them "The Way of Salvation in the Lutheran Church"

and "New Testament Conversions." Both have had a large sale and the latter has been translated into nearly all the languages of Europe.

'73. Prof. F. D. Raub, Supt. of Public Schools, Allentown, was a member of the Examining Committee at the Keystone State Normal School.

'76. Constantine D. Kiehel, Esq., Rochester, N. Y., has been District Attorney at a salary of \$5,000 a year.

'76. Hon. Frank E. Meily, Lebanon, Pa., our first Judge, has sent us his good wishes for the season. He retains his old time interest in the prosperity of the College.

'78. Dr. H. H. Herbst has been chosen Controller of Public Schools for the new Ninth Ward of Allentown.

'78. One of the leading Philadelphia papers recently contained a long and very complete biographical sketch of Prof. Oliver G. T. Schadt, of Temple College, Philadelphia.

'79. George D. Krause, the new President of the Alumni Association is a prominent business man of Lebanon, Pa., and a warm friend of the College.

'80. Among the lecturers in the course of the Allentown College for Women appears the name of Dr. G. T. Ettinger, who is to lecture on "Vergil." Dr. Ettinger will also deliver three lectures at the Moravian Seminary, in Bethlehem, on "Latin Literature of the Augustan Age."

'80. We were very glad again to meet our old class-mate Rev. J. H. Umbenhen and his charming wife. From all reports and appearances he is flourishing at Pottsville, Pa.

- '82. William R. Grim, Esq., is Cashier of the Texarkana National Bauk, Texarkana, Texas. We had hoped that he could be with us at Commencement, but were disappointed.
- '83. Rev. William A. Sadtler, Ph.D., is doing excellent work as Instructor in the Chicago Theological Seminary. Five out of six professors and instructors at the Seminary are Muhlenberg graduates.
- '85. Prof. Chas. C. Boyer, of the Keystone State Normal School, has received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Wooster University, Wooster, O., for work done in the courses of Philosophy, Psychology and Pedagogics. We congratulate Dr. Boyer upon the successful completion of the work in which he has been engaged for the attaining of this degree.
- 'or. From a Mt. Joy, Pa., paper we clip the following: "The members and friends of Trinity Lutheran church witnessed a very interesting and impressive service on Sunday, connected with the installation of their new pastor, Rev. M. J. Bieber. The officiating clergymen were Rev. Dr. J. Kohler, president of Lancaster Conference, and Rev. C. Haupt, pastor of Grace Lutheran church, Lancaster. The full morning service was rendered in English. Dr. Kohler delivered the charge to the congregation in German from Heb. 13:17, followed by Rev. Haupt, who addressed himself to the pastor from I Tim. 3:1. After the reading of the congregation's call and the installation by the president, the new pastor pronounced the benediction.

At the evening service Rev. Bieber

preached his introductory sermon from II Cor. 5:20, as text: "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ," in which he detailed the meaning, duties and benefits of the Christian ministry. The church was crowded both morning and evening. The chancel, altar, pulpit and aisles were beautifully decorated with flowers, palms and ferns. The occasion was one on which the memory loves to linger.

Rev. Bieber is a native of Kutztown. He was baptized by Rev. Dr. Hinterleitner, of Pottsville. He attended the public schools till he was 13 yrs. old, when he entered the Kutztown Normal school. At the age of sixteen he was confirmed by Rev. J. J. Cressman, after which he entered the profession of teaching and remained in the school room four consecutive terms. In '85 he entered the Senior Class in the Kutztown Normal School and graduated in '86, speaking the Valedictory at Commencement. He taught the High School at Bernville for 2 years. after which he entered the Sophomore class in Muhlenberg College, graduating in '91 with first honors, again receiving the Valedictory. During his college course he received a Botanical Prize, and was business manager and editor of "The Muhlenberg." He entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, in the Fall of '91, graduating in May 1894, on which occasion he was one of three who appeared on the Commencement program. He occupied the chair of History of his Normal School Alma Mater during the Spring Term of '93. He received a call from Trinity con-

- gregation in January, which he accepted, though five other urgent calls claimed his attention."
- '93. At the unveiling of a monument to the memory of the soldiers lying buried in Jordan Lutheran Seminary, in South Whitehall, P. George Sieger made the introductory address. Mr.

Sieger made an exceedingly clever address and was warmly congratulated by almost the entire audience, among whom he has a large acquaintanceship. His sentiments were very appropriate and he wound up with a eulogy of the First Defenders.

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